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The new world that is to come will not keep commending those of great intellect ignoring those who have won great praise by shunning self-interest.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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FIRST WRAPPER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, participated in the 'Aimperum Vizha' on behalf of the School Education Department, at the Jawaharlal Nehru indoor stadium in Chennai on 14.06.2024, and handed over commendation certificates and Rs.10,000/- each to 43 students who had secured cent per cent marks in Tamil in the 10th and 12th public examinations.

‘Hundred percent victory in the Parliamentary elections proof of people’s total support’

Hon’ble Chief Minister points out that Tamil Nadu is a premier state due to its reputation as a haven of peace

Reply of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** to the debate on the demands pertaining to the Police, Fire and Rescue Services Departments in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly - 29.06.2024.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

We have come to this Assembly with the pride of winning 40 out of 40 seats in the last Lok Sabha Elections. I started the journey with a commitment to score a cent per cent victory on the centenary of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who won in all the elections he had contested. Now I am standing before you with the pride of having scored a victory on the commitment that I made, thereby bringing glory to Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, the hero of the century.

Even though it was a parliamentary election, the opposition parties targeted me and criticized this Dravidian Model Government. The people overcame their untruthful propaganda of downplaying the influence of the Dravidian Model of Government and delivered a complete victory without any loss. These election results show the confidence the people have in the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam Government.

This cent percent victory is a sign that the people of Tamil Nadu have realized that since I assumed office, every day and every hour, I have planned many good schemes for the people of the state.

We have done a lot of good in the last three years for all, without discriminating between

the people who voted for us in the Legislative Assembly elections and those who did not. The people have given us their approval through votes. I salute and thank the people of Tamil Nadu for voting for us, by standing in this historic Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

For the next two years, we will have similar unparalleled schemes and we will score a huge victory in the assembly elections in 2026 as well. I am not saying this with pride. But I say with confidence as people have confidence on Stalin and the Dravidian Model of Government.

If the parliamentary election results are analyzed constituency wise, the DMK alliance has won 221 constituencies. Who's on people's minds? Who are completely ignored by the people? That is why people, who have been rejected by the people, unable to see our face directly, have come to this House every day and walks out thereby bringing shame to the dignity of the House.

It was their conspiracy to cover up this election defeat by continuously raising the Kallakurichi issue, where action has been taken. When I heard about the incident on the 19th, I ordered that all the victims should be given proper treatment. I also presented a complete report on it in this House on the 20th. To know the real reason behind the Kallakurichi incident

★ I constituted a commission under the Chairmanship of retired High Court Justice Thiru. Gokuldas.

★ I ordered investigation by C.B.C.I.D..

★ I immediately sent my Ministers, Home Secretary and the D.G.P to the spot.

★ More than 20 of the criminals have been arrested.

★ Eradication of spurious liquor, toxic liquor and arrest of criminals continues in earnest.

★ Compensation has been given to the families of the dead and the surviving victims.

★ The Government is taking responsibility for the education and life of children who have lost their parents.

★ Actions including dismissal have been taken against the officials concerned.

We have taken these steps within 24 hours. Even after this, saying that the actions are not enough is a diversionary tactic of the opposition.

Why do they demand a CBI probe as if we have hidden something? The Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has given an interview saying, "You had asked for CBI investigation because two people were killed in Sathankulam incident". If human lives are lost, it does not matter whether the number is two or twenty. Even if one person dies, it is a great loss. The then AIADMK Government tried to hide the incident and distort the whole Sathankulam incident. That is the reason why the then Opposition parties demanded a CBI Investigation. But today, this Government is not hiding anything. Within a short period, we have successfully apprehended the culprits and ensured that none can evade justice.

Sale of illicit liquor is a social crime. I would like to inform this august House that this Government is committed to complete eradication of illicit liquor which cost the precious human lives.

After the Kallakurichi incident, I gave a stern warning in this regard when I spoke at a

review meeting of District Collectors and SPs of the Police Department. I have said very strictly that if there is any loss of life due to illicit liquor anywhere, the District Police officer and the border Police Station Officer will be held responsible.

Likewise, we are making all efforts to completely prevent the movement and sale of narcotics. Strict measures are being taken to stop the smuggling of ganja from foreign countries. We confiscate the property of those arrested in these crimes. Over the past two years, 46 properties worth Rs.18.05 crore have been confiscated. Their bank accounts have been frozen.

I have continued to advise the Police Officers to be as determined in the fight against drugs as they are against illicit liquor. Although the Government is taking crime prevention measures against alcohol and drug addiction, the Government feels that more awareness campaigns should be carried out in this regard. Awareness of the effects of drugs and recovery of drug addicts is being created as a movement. I request all the legislators to take this movement to the people without party discrimination.

Next, I consider it my duty to inform this august House of the action taken by this Government on the most important case, the Kodanad case. In this case, 268 witnesses have been examined so far and 8 cell phones and 4 SIM cards used by the suspects have been sent to the Regional Coimbatore Forensic Science Laboratory. An 8,000-page report has been received from them. When the incident happened, some of the suspects received foreign phone calls. Therefore, it should be investigated with the help of Interpol. Also, whether any other people have connections with the case. We are investigating from that angle also.

The Government is maintaining law and order successfully. We have conducted all the functions in a peaceful manner. We were able to conduct the temple car procession of Arulmigu Sornamoortheeswarar temple, Kandadevi, in Sivaganga, which had not been conducted for the last 18 years, smoothly and without any problem. For this, the people of the area met me in person and thanked me.

* 40 lakh people gathered at Tiruvannamalai Karthigai Deepam festival.

* Madurai Chithirai Festival was attended by 2 lakh people.

* Eight lakh people gathered for Tiruchendur Soorasamharam.

* Palani Thaipoosam festival was attended by 5 lakh people,

* Twelve lakh people participated in the Kulasekharapatnam Dasara festival.

* Velankanni Church Flag Hoisting Festival was attended by 3 lakh people.

* Nagoor Sandalwood festival had 20 thousand participants. We conducted all these festivals in a peaceful manner.

Today, Tamil Nadu is the most developed state because it is the most peaceful state. These Members of legislature know this.

A total of 190 announcements were issued in the last three years in the Police Department. I am happy to announce that 179 notifications have been issued and implemented. I assure you

that for remaining announcements and orders will be issued soon.

Last year alone, various reforms were taken in the Police Department.

★ Moral training is imparted to students through the ‘SIRPI’ (Students In Responsible Police Initiatives) Scheme.

★ ‘PARAVAI Project’ (Personality and Attitude Reformation Assistance Venture for Affirming Identity) was instituted to reform young, petty offenders and make their future better.

★ ‘Parunthu app’ aims to consolidate information on registered offenders. This is a project in progress.

★ ‘Smart Kavalar app’ has been developed for the benefit of policemen.

★ To regularize leave, we have introduced ‘Comprehensive Leave app’.

★ ‘MAGILCHI’ (Maximizing Ability, Growth, Ideal Life Choices and Independence) programme was implemented as a de-stressing exercise for Police Personnel.

★ ‘Anandham programme’ is in force for Women Police.

★ ‘Integrated Vehicle Monitoring System’ (IVMS) has been implemented to monitor vehicle theft.

This Government is taking various measures to redress the grievances of the public, investigate the complaints expeditiously and complete the court cases expeditiously.

I have been insisting continuously at the Police Officers conference and review meetings that they should act not only as a crime-reducing Department but as a crime-prevention Department. The Department’s aim is not only to reduce the number of crimes but to eradicate the thought of crime. I assure you that further measures will be taken to prevent future crimes.

Tamil Nadu is emerging as the top State of India today. In the growth of industry, education, infrastructure, human development index, or whatever category is taken, Tamil Nadu is rising higher. We are developing its uniqueness as its hallmark. This development is not by myself alone. I have always said without forgetting that we are getting this success and growth because of my wonderful cabinet colleagues, who have installed me as the Chief Minister and are developing every Department with their constructive activities. I express my sincere gratitude to all the Ministers.

We have always been encouraged by the compliments, arguments and suggestions of the members of the coalition parties, who praised when it was due and kindly presented their criticism if the need arose.

Regarding the demands raised by the legislators during the debate held yesterday, Thiru.Paranthaman requested that repair work be carried out in the police quarters in Chennai city. Rs.40 crore which is given every year for special repair works in the Police Department, will be increased to Rs.50 crore from this year and the works will be carried out.

Members of Legislative Assembly Prof. Jawahirullah and Thiru.Chinnadurai also said that due to the fact that cases have been registered by the Police Department against the members of political parties and of the public who participated in various protests in the past,

it was becoming difficult to obtain passports and no objection certificates. Several thousands of such cases have been withdrawn in the last three years. I have instructed the Additional Director of Law and Order to get the relevant data and take steps to withdraw the remaining cases.

Dear Brother Thiru. Sinthanai Selvan, while speaking, demanded the construction of a new fire station in the Thiruporur area of Chengalpattu District. Accepting the request, a new Fire and Rescue Station will be set up at Kovalam. Thiruporur and Kovalam coastal areas will be benefited.

P.M.K. Legislature Party leader Thiru. G.K.Mani pleaded for election duty pay to the constables who had worked for the Parliamentary elections. Based on the request, the opinion will be obtained from the Director General of Police and will be issued soon as per the election duty pay.

I am saddened by the wrong stand taken by the main opposition AIADMK in this Assembly session. We are always ready to respond to constructive discussions. The AIADMK does not want to hear that answer. Apart from electoral defeat, the AIADMK is stuck in a crisis in its own party. To escape from it, they have taken measures. Since we assumed power, we have given more time to the opposition parties and the AIADMK. If we compare how much time was allotted to us when we were the opposition party, we will know and understand the democratic character of the two regimes!

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I sincerely thank you for conducting this House with the rigour and clear wisdom of a teacher.

There are 100 announcements in this year's grant request. I would like to announce only a few of them now. I would like to consider the rest of the notifications as read and add them to the notes.

★ New Traffic Police Stations will be set up at Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminal and Yercaud, and at Guindy Kalaignar Centenary Hospital Outpost, Padappai, Adamangalam-Pudur and Thirupparankundram Temple.

★ When I came to the House this morning, the Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources gave me a request stating that it was a long-time request. That is, he has requested shifting of the Police Station at Pernambut to another place. It will definitely be considered.

★ New all-women police stations will be set up at Kolathur, Kelambakkam, Red Hills etc. A new building will be constructed for the Tambaram Police Commissionerate.

★ 229 Police quarters will be constructed at Coimbatore - Pollachi, Tiruppur - Nallur.

★ Ex-gratia will be increased for loss of life, dismemberment or injury to personnel serving in the Tamil Nadu Police. The amount will also be increased for the officers serving in the Special Task Force.

★ In case of loss of life of Police Constables, the compensation to their families from the Tamil Nadu Home Guard Welfare and Benevolent Fund will be increased from Rs.15,000 to Rs.One lakh and the fund for the injured will be increased from Rs.10,000 to Rs.50,000.

★ An action plan worth Rs.5 crore will be implemented to make Coimbatore an accident-free city.

★ A new forensic unit will be set up at Thanjavur District Forensic Science Laboratory at a cost of Rs.5.21 crore.

★ 1,500 protective suits for use by fire and rescue personnel and 3,000 rescue suits with small equipment for rescue personnel at a cost of Rs.4.50 crore.

★ New Fire and Rescue Services Stations will be established at 7 places including Eral, Karumathambatti, Madathukulam, Kovalam, Padappai, Tirunelveli City, Puduwayal.

★ New buildings will be constructed for 6 Fire and Rescue Services stations namely Samayapuram, Medavakkam, Perambalur, Thiagathurugam, Needamangalam and Kolathur.

Not only that; requests have been received from various Government officials including the Police Department to include dependent mothers and fathers of Government employees as beneficiaries in the new medical insurance scheme for Government employees. After due consideration, the existing new medical insurance scheme will be restructured with the consent of the Government employees concerned so that the benefits of medical insurance can reach their dependent parents. Further, I have ordered a review meeting headed by the Chief Secretary to clear out the practical problems faced by the Government officials who will get the benefits of the new health insurance scheme and issue the necessary protocols at the earliest.

If our goals are vast, our policies are vaster. Our journey is also very long. We have a duty and responsibility to fulfil the dreams of the century-old Dravidian movement.

I am conveying the thoughts of the Rationalist, Thanthai Periyar in the style of Perarignar Anna with the speed of the leader of the Tamil race Muthamizharignar Kalaignar.

We will triumph in achieving our goals! We will keep on winning! We will keep on winning! With these words, I conclude my speech.

Recognition for students who scored centum in Tamil

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 22,931 smart classrooms in Government schools

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated 22,931 smart classrooms in Government schools, built at an estimated cost of Rs.455.32 crore, and felicitated the students who scored cent per cent marks in Tamil in the 10th and 12th public examinations, at a function organized by the School Education Department at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 14.06.2024. The Headmasters of the Government schools which registered cent per cent pass were awarded certificates. The students who won medals in the sports competitions organized by the 67th National School Games SGFI were also given certificates, The Hon'ble Chief Minister also distributed hand-held computers to the teachers.

The Government has provided Internet facility in Government schools for the benefit of students, implemented the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme for Government school students, introduced the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme to increase the learning ability of students and thereby the standard of education in Tamil Nadu, and schemes like 'Nam Palli Nam Perumai' , 'Ennum Ezhuthum', 'Namma School Foundation' and reconstituted the School Management Committee. The Government has also systematically implemented schemes for improvement of basic infrastructure facilities like classroom buildings, drinking water facility, toilets and electrical equipment. It has also set up smart classrooms, and filled vacant teaching positions.

22,931 smart classrooms have been constructed at a cost of Rs.455.32 crore

The Government is implementing various pioneering programmes through the School Education Department to raise the standard of education of the students studying in all Government primary, middle, high and higher secondary schools in Tamil Nadu, to ensure that they get the best education without dropping out and pursue higher education and get employment.

To improve infrastructure development and technical maintenance in schools in order to provide a suitable environment for learning and teaching activities, 22,931 Smart Classrooms have been created in Government schools in Tamil Nadu, at an estimated cost of Rs.455.32 crore. These Smart Classrooms were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

The classrooms in Government primary schools have been converted into colourful learning spaces where children learn with interest and a Smart Board is installed. Internet facility is also provided for efficient classroom functioning. When teachers teach directly in the classroom, some subjects may not be easily understood by students. At that time, images and videos will be used to explain, using this Smart Board, which will make the understanding of the students easier. This allows students to re-use these learning resources whenever they need them. Skill board is set up with internet facility so that students can keep up with the latest events related to any subject they are studying. Also, the fact that these smart boards also work as touch screens makes it possible for students to get information by touching them.

Cash prizes and certificates of appreciation will be awarded for scoring centum in Tamil

The Hon'ble Chief Minister awarded 8 students who secured cent percent marks in Tamil subject in 10th standard public examination and 35 students who scored cent percent marks in Tamil subject in 12th standard public examination. He felicitated them by giving them Rs.10,000 each in cash and certificates of appreciation.

Certificates of Appreciation will be given to Headmasters

Across Tamil Nadu, 94.56 per cent of the students have passed in the 12th standard in the Government public examinations held this year and set a new record. Specifically, 386 Government Higher Secondary Schools in various districts of Tamil Nadu secured Cent percent pass.

Similarly, 91.55 per cent of the students have passed in the 10th standard Government public examinations across the State. Of this, 87.90 per cent of students studied in Government schools alone. 1,342 Government high schools in various districts have achieved Cent per cent pass this year.

So, a total of 1,728 schools have achieved Cent per cent pass in classes 10 and 12 Government public examinations this year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated the Headmasters of 1,728 Government High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools who worked with dedication to ensure that their school secured Cent per cent pass in the classes 10 and 12 public examinations held in the academic year 2023-2024 and awarded certificates of appreciation to them.

Certificates will be awarded to students who won medals at the 67th National Games

Last year, sports competitions were held at the District, Revenue District and State level, and the students who stood first in their respective districts participated in various competitions, including athletics, volleyball, basketball, boxing and chess, organized by the School Games Federation of India and won 95 gold, 112 silver and 202 bronze medals.

Students belonging to Tamil Nadu participated in the 67th National School Games and brought pride to Tamil Nadu by winning medals in the national-level sports competitions held during the academic year 2023-2024.The Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated 409 students by giving certificates of appreciation.

Tablets for Primary School Teachers

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced various new schemes on 01.03.2023 to highlight the services of the teaching community who are working tirelessly for the welfare of students and to protect the welfare of teachers. He also announced that all secondary and graduate teachers will be provided with computer tablets to better adapt themselves to the changing learning and teaching methods.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu started the project of providing computer tablets to 79,723 teachers working in Government primary and middle schools at a cost of Rs.101.48 crore.

Through the State Council for Educational Research and Training, videos have been made to present to students distant places of historical importance and natural beauty. These videos can be seen on Kalvi TV, and have also been uploaded on Tamil Nadu Teachers Platform (TNTP) and YouTube. Tablets have been provided so that teachers can use it from any place at any time as needed. In this way, teachers can use this as an additional resource while teaching. Such an environment has been created for students to learn with interest.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who participated in the Aimperum Vizha (five grand festivals) of the School Education Department and was warmly welcomed by the students, teachers and headmasters. After that, 43 students who secured cent percent marks in Tamil in classes 10 and 12 Government public examinations in the year 2024 took a group photo with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on the occasion

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you.

I usually participate enthusiastically in school education events. But there is someone who attends the functions with more enthusiasm. That is none other than the Hon'ble Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi. So, this time I made an advance reservation!

When the results of the examinations were announced, I myself called our Minister Mahesh and said, "After the completion of the code of conduct of the election, the first Government function I attend should be this congratulatory function. Make arrangements for it. Accordingly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Hon'ble Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and all the officers, staff and teachers who supported him in organizing this function. It is a great pleasure to participate in this event. What is more, when I see you school students, I also feel rejuvenated.

Generally, we conduct the Aimperum Vizha (Five grand festivals) and Mupperum Vizha (Three grand festivals) only on political platforms. But now, Hon'ble Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi has organized a grand function on behalf of the School Education Department.

The first function is felicitation of the headmasters of the Government schools who achieved cent percent pass in the classes 10 and class 12 public examination.

The second function is to felicitate the students who secured cent percent marks in Tamil in the public examination.

Third is the provision of computer tablets to teachers in the primary education sector.

Fourth, the introduction of smart classrooms in Government schools.

Fifth, appreciation for national level medalists in sports.

This is how this five grand celebrations has been organized.

Before attending this programme, when I asked about the schemes our Government is implementing for students, the school Education Department gave a big list. To name only some of the most important schemes, 16 lakh students are benefited by the

'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', 27 lakh students are benefited by 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Naan Mudhalvan' provides skill training to 28 lakh students, 'Ennum Ezhuthum Thittam' to benefit 23 lakh students, 'Reading Movement' benefiting 30 lakh students, 'Counselling Box' named 'Student Mind', 'School Management Committees' involving 23 lakh parents, 'Namma School-Namma Ooru Palli' scheme for the development of Government schools, 'Mobile Science Laboratory', 'Vanavil Forum', SIRPI programme to guide students, Thagaisal schools, book festivals in districts, 'Educational Tour Programme' to take students abroad, App to identify school children who drop out, 'Special fund' for children who need special attention, Training with practice papers, books, quiz competitions for students of classes 9 to 12, special training for mathematics teachers, a classroom observation app, a high-quality digital app called E-Teacher - there is so much more.

Moreover, there is another important scheme which provides Rs.1,000/- per month to female students! That is the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme. Letters I received from students spoke very highly of the Pudhumai Penn scheme as did students whom I met during this election campaign. The students happily said that they no longer have to wait for anyone to meet their small needs and the Rs.1,000 per month they get from this scheme is helping them take care of their expenses.

I had said that the 'Tamil Pudhalvan Project' will be implemented, which will provide Rs.1,000 per month to male students also, so that the happiness will be writ on their faces as well. I am happy to announce on this platform that thousand rupees will be given from the coming August as soon as you go to college.

We can proudly say that under our Dravidian Model regime, under the care of Thambi Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, the School Education Department is progressing towards a golden age.

The Minister is very keen to visit various countries and implement the modern facilities available there in our towns for our children. Similarly, he takes our school students to foreign tours. He continues to strive for elevating the standard of school education in Tamil Nadu to global standards.

It is the teachers who support him in such initiatives. It is the Government's duty to appreciate those teachers. 1,728 Government school headmasters who secured cent per cent pass in classes X and XII public examination will be given certificates of appreciation to encourage their achievement. If we recognize the achievements of headmasters, it is a recognition we give to all teachers.

This event is to encourage everyone to achieve the cent percent pass goal! In this regard, my appreciation and best wishes to all the students who wrote the exams and to the teachers who guided them. All schools have to achieve the same record next year.

Next, I would like to congratulate the students who scored cent percent in Tamil. A hundred marks in any subject is commendable. But our mother tongue is Tamil. Since it is a unique classical language, those who score centum in it are highly commended.

35 students in class 12 and 8 students in class 10 have scored cent percent in Tamil. They have been given a prize of Rs.10,000 each.

Next, I heartily congratulate the students who won 95 gold medals, 112 silver medals and 202 bronze medals in the School Games Federation of India competitions in the previous year.

When schools opened on June 10, I even posted on social media that the mental health of students is important. Sports are very important for that.

The medalists will then have to participate in international-level competitions. Through Thambi Udhayanidhi's initiative, our Government is implementing many schemes for sports. Make use of it. I wish that many Olympic champions would emerge from you. Now everything is on the web. Artificial intelligence (A.I.) has become a big talking point right now. It is very important to keep ourselves 'updated' with new developments.

To modernize the School Education Department, we are implementing Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar School Development Scheme. Accordingly, 79,723 teachers working in primary and middle schools have been provided

with tablet computers. I hope that teachers will use this and create teaching methods that students like.

Next, 22,931 smart classrooms are to be created in Government schools in Tamil Nadu. We are going to install a smart board in the classrooms to make it colourful and a favourite place for children. There will also be internet facilities here.

In the first phase, I have launched 500 smart classrooms today. It's all for you. My desire is that my Tamil Nadu students should grow to such an extent that they challenge the students of any city in the world. That is my dream. That is why we are bringing many projects in this sector. No matter how much the financial crisis, we are starting many innovative projects in the Education Department; it is for you. I will take care of everything else. In return, I ask you students only one thing... study, study, keep studying. Don't stagnate anywhere, keep running forward. You should not see a 'full stop' before your eyes. Only commas. Keep running. Keep winning. Keep Shining. Make Tamil Nadu proud!

Education is the only asset that no one can steal from you. But even more so, we see cheating in exam systems like NEET. That is why we are strongly opposing it. Tamil Nadu was the first to claim that exams like NEET were rigged. The entire country is beginning to say that today. We will definitely put an end to this scam one day. It is our responsibility. No social, economic or political situation should be an obstacle for you students to study. That is my thought. That is the policy of this Dravidian Model Government!

This Government of yours will fully support the stream of education to flow without interruption! You should take full advantage of it. Study without any distraction. By looking at one or two persons you should not be misled into thinking that you can make it in life without education. You must understand that a good education is the great badge of distinction. If you have education everything else will come automatically. Not only as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu but also as one of your family members, it is my wish you should gain the power to conquer the world and act rationally. May your dreams come true! All the best!

Hon'ble Chief Minister orders incentive price for paddy in addition to MSP

The State Government announces additional incentive amount for paddy, apart from the minimum support price announced by the Union Government.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin conducted a review meeting at the Secretariat on 26.06.2024 regarding announcement of incentive price for paddy along with Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the Union Government for the Kharif season 2024-2025.

At the meeting, review was made regarding opening of Direct Paddy Purchase Centres (DPCs) in Delta districts till June 25, 2024 during the 2023-2024 Kharif season. During this period, 3,175 direct purchase centres were opened, 29,91,954 metric tonnes of paddy procured and Rs.6442.80 crore paid to farmers as purchase price. These issues were discussed at the review meeting. At this meeting, it was decided that during the Kharif 2024-2025 season, a sufficient number of direct purchase centres should be opened and paddy procured from the farmers under the Union Government's decentralized paddy procurement scheme.

As the Mettur Reservoir could not be opened on June 12 this year due to unavoidable circumstances, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced Rs.78.67 crore Kuruvai package for the benefit of the Delta farmers. The Government order in this regard was also issued. Necessary inputs were also distributed to the farmers. Considering the interest of farmers, the State Government had requested the Union Government to give the procurement price of 2024-2025 Kharif season from September 1,

2024 itself and the State's request was accepted by the Union Government.

Recently, the Union Government fixed the minimum support price for normal paddy at Rs.2,300 per quintal and that of fine variety at Rs.2,320 per quintal. With a view to increase the productivity of paddy in the State and also to improve the standard of living of farmers, the State Government announced an incentive price of Rs.105 per quintal for normal paddy varieties and Rs.130 per quintal for fine varieties for the Kharif marketing season 2024-2025, from the State Government funds. As per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's order, the DPCs in the State will procure normal paddy varieties at Rs.2,405 per quintal and the fine varieties at Rs.2,450 per quintal from the farmers.

This new Minimum Support Price of the Union Government and the incentive price of the State Government will come into effect from September 1, 2024. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also announced that as per the assurance given by his party in its Election manifesto, from the next financial year, that is from 2025-2026, the DPCs will purchase fine varieties of paddy at Rs.2,500 per quintal.

Representatives of many farmers associations from various districts thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, for announcing additional incentive to support price for paddy for the kharif season.

Farmers representatives from various districts and progressive farmers met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 27.06.2024 and thanked him for announcing additional incentive price of Rs.105 per quintal for the normal paddy varieties and Rs.130 per quintal for fine paddy varieties, along with the Minimum support price for the 2024-2025 Kharif season.

Since the inception of the Dravidian Model of the Government in the State, under the leadership of Thiru.M.K.Stalin, special attention is being given to Agriculture and farmers welfare. The name of the Department was changed as Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department and a separate budget exclusively for agriculture was presented. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has launched many new schemes to improve the standard of living of farmers. The schemes included the Chief Minister's dry land development, free power supply to more than one-and-a-half lakh farmers in the last three years and mechanization of agriculture operations in the State.

The farmers representatives called on the Hon'ble Chief Minister to thank him for launching the Muthalamaicharin

Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme for improving the standard of living of farmers, for annnouncing Kuruvai package Rs.78.67 crore for delta farmers due to non-release of Mettur waters on the scheduled date June 12 due to poor storage in the reservoir and for the announcement of additional incentive of Rs.105 per quintal for the normal paddy varieties and Rs.130 per quintal for the fine paddy varieties from the State Government's funds, along with the Minimum support price for the 2024-2025 kharif season, at a total cost of Rs.206 crore.

The farmers' representatives also thanked him for the Government's various schemes for the welfare of farmers.

119th birth anniversary of Silambu Selvar Ma.Po. Sivagnanam

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On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on the birth anniversary of Silambu Selvar Ma.Po. Sivagnanam, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru.Ma.Subramanian, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt. R.Priya and Member of Legislative Assembly Thiru.T. Velu, Director of Information and Public Relations Dr.R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., family members of Ma.Po.Si. and other Government higher officials paid floral tribute to the decorated portrait of Silambu Selvar, kept near his statue at T.Nagar, Chennai on 26.06.2024.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's clarification with regard to crimes in cases of anti-caste marriages

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly regarding the attack on the Communist Party of India (Marxist) office in Tirunelveli District on 25.06.2024.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

With reference to the incident mentioned by the Hon'ble Member, at Reddiarpatti, Tirunelveli District, It seems that an anti-caste marriage between two persons from different castes was conducted on 13.06.2024 in the CPI (M) office and the photo of the married pair was posted on a Facebook page.

Following this, the bride's family went to the CPI(M) office on 14.06.2024, got involved in an argument and damaged the property there.

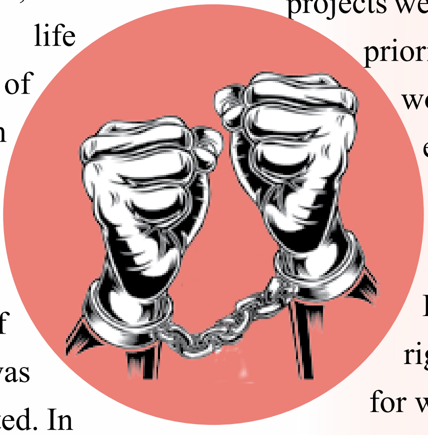
Based on the complaint filed on behalf of the party, a case was registered at the Perumalpuram police station regarding this incident. 14 people have been arrested, of whom 7 women have been released on bail; 7 men have been remanded to judicial custody. As the investigation revealed that there was evidence of caste-based violence in the incident, sections of the Prevention of Atrocities Act were added and the investigation is ongoing.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, founded with social justice as its life blood, has been a movement supporting women's education, equal rights, and anti-caste marriage since its inception. Every Member of this House is aware of this.

Actions against such regressive social crimes have been monitored very vigorously since our Dravidian model Government took charge. Due to this, in cases registered against such instances, the culprits should be properly punished.

Rather than bringing in a special law for this purpose as mentioned by the members, this Government feels that it is proper to take serious and expeditious action and bring the offenders to book based on the provisions of the existing laws for such offences, particularly the Prevention of Atrocities Act, the Indian Penal Code and the Indian Code of Criminal Procedure. In this way, in many cases recently, especially in the crimes committed during the previous regime, the investigation has been accelerated and the criminals have been punished.

Specifically, on 29.02.2024, the convicts were sentenced to double life imprisonment in the case of double murder that took place on 08.07.2003 at Pudukuraippettai, Virudhachalam Police Division, Cuddalore District. Similarly, the case of murder of Gokulraj in Namakkal in 2015 was properly monitored and expedited. In this case, the Madurai Bench of the Hon'ble Madras High Court on 08.03.2022 confirmed the judgement of the Madurai District Criminal Special Court.



Similarly, after the murder of Sita from Adivaraganatham in Cuddalore District on 15.06.2014, the accused were arrested on 16.07.2014. The investigation of this case has been speeded up after this Government took over and on 29.02.2024, the accused was sentenced to double life imprisonment.

That is why, as I said earlier, this Government feels that it would be more appropriate to arraign the criminals before the law and bring them to justice than to enact new laws.

When we look at these crimes not only as a criminal phenomenon, but also at the socio-economic background factors, even if one on side we get punishment for the criminals, we realize that the number of such crimes will decrease greatly when women's education increases through economic development, and when the education economy and employment lead to a developed society.

We are also focusing on creating such a society, and because of that, in all the new projects we are implementing, we are giving priority to projects that improve women's lives, livelihood, education, and rights.

For example, we can go on and on about the 'Pudhumai Penn' thittam, equal property rights for women, free bus travel for women, 33 percent reservation in local bodies. When we continue to carry all these things, there will be a change of heart in the society. The need for new laws will also decrease. This Government is moving towards that.

However, even though our goal may seem a little distant at the moment, in practice the social problems we are facing today and their consequences are immediate as mentioned by the Hon'ble Members who spoke here. In order to give special importance to such cases, I would like to inform you that Special Public Prosecutors will be appointed exclusively by the Government to prosecute all types of crimes

related to anti-caste marriage. Similarly, in all such offences, at present the Inspector of Police has been appointed as the Investigating Officer as per the Criminal Procedure Code. However, with a view to intensifying and expediting the nature of investigation in these cases, legal advice will be taken on appointing a Deputy Superintendent of Police as the Investigating Officer.

Apart from that, as mentioned by the Hon'ble Members while speaking, the District-level committees will re-examine the background of their formation, how their activities were and necessary decisions will be taken through them in order to reduce these crimes.

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129th birth anniversary of Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Millath

In connection with the 129th birth anniversary of Kanniyathendral Quaid-e-Millath, Hon'ble Ministers, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, MLAs, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Tamil Nadu Backward Classess and Minorities Welfare Board Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Tamil Nadu Wakf Board members, Tamil Nadu Muslim League Party Leader, Secretary of Tamil Development and Information Department, Director of Information and Public Relations, local body representatives and Government Higher officials offered their homage at his memorial at the Big Mosque on Wallajah Road at Thiruvallikeni, on 05.06.2024.

Special incentives for sportspersons from Tamil Nadu participating in the Paris Olympics

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the Secretariat on 01.07.2024, handed over incentive cheques to the value of Rs.35 lakh to 5 sportspersons of Tamil Nadu, who have been selected for the Paralympics and Olympic Games, to be held in Paris in July and August. The incentive amount is for undertaking preparatory training for the mega sports events by the participants. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also greeted the selected participants on the occasion.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken various measures to make the State the number one in sports in the country. To achieve this distinction and to enable the sportspersons from the State to participate in national and international sports, the Government has been providing good sports infrastructure, incentive amounts to sportspersons and proper training.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** handed over special incentive cheques for Rs.35 lakh to 5 participants of Paralympics and Olympic games - 01.07.2024.

In this way, 15 sportspersons from the State have been selected to participate in the Paralympics and Olympic games, in Paris this July and August. Among them, Thiru. Prithviraj Tondaiman (Rifle shooting), Selvi Thulasimathi Murugesan (Para Badminton), Tmt. Manisha Ramdas. (Para Badminton), Selvi Nithya Sree Sumathi (Para Badminton) and Thiru.Sivarajan Solamalai (Para Badminton) were given an incentive cheque of Rs.7 lakh each for their preparatory training for Paralympics. The cheques were handed over to the sportspersons by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who also wished them good luck in their endeavours.

Hon'ble Chief Minister flags off 5 high-tech AC buses for Tourism Department's fleet

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** flagged off 5 high tech buses - 01.07.2024

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin inaugurated the services of 5 high tech super deluxe buses, costing totally Rs.3 crore, for the use of tourists, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation, at the Secretariat on 01.07.2024.

Tourism plays a major role in creating employment opportunities for locals, besides earning valuable foreign exchange. Tamil Nadu is a major tourism State in the country having high concentration of tourist spots. There are various tourist spots of different nature in the State, ancient temples, nature's bounty forest and hilly areas, and beautiful beaches, which attract tourists of varied interests. To improve these tourist centres, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various schemes.

Again, to enable tourists from other parts of the State to reach various tourist centres in the State, direct road and rail connections, National and State Highways road links, and air connectivity through international and domestic airports are available. Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of bus and other transport facilities in the country.

To improve the tourism activities in the State, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar started the Tourism Development Corporation in 1971 when he was the Chief Minister of the State. The Tourism Corporation has been providing facilities like conducted tours and other

tourism itineraries for the benefit of tourists, Tamil Nadu Hotels in major towns for the comfortable stay of tourists, and Amudhagam Restaurants to satisfy the taste buds of tourists.

On behalf of the Corporation, three-day conducted tours for Ooty-Kodaikanal, Yercaud- Hogenakkal, Mysore-Bangalore, Courtallam, Navagraha Temple and Munnar, one day tour to Chennai-Mamallapuram, Tirupathi, Tiruvannamalai, Sripuram Golden Temple and Pondicherry, 8-day tour of tourists spots of Tamil Nadu, Goa-Mantralayam tour, 14-day tour of South Indian tourist spots and, tours to UNESCO-recognized heritage towns, temples and tourist spots. These tours are arranged by the Corporation for the convenience of tourists.

To undertake these tours, the Corporation is operating a large and varied transport fleet, including 15 deluxe buses, Volvo A/C deluxe buses, ultra deluxe buses, normal buses, and 18-seater small deluxe buses. Between 07.05.2021 to 31.05.2024, 3,03,721 tourists made use of these conducted tours.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister flagged off five ultra deluxe buses, totally costing Rs.3 crore, at the Secretariat. This new fleet included 4 buses of 35-seater capacity and one mini deluxe bus of 18-seater capacity, all to be utilized for tourists.

In these buses, you have buses with air conditioning that can sustain for 4 to 5 days of travel by tourists, air suspension facility, GPS to locate the bus, wi-fi facility, mobile charging facility in every seat and ample space to keep the luggage of tourists.

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Birth Centenary Celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar

The Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, participated and witnessed the cultural show held as part of the birth centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, organized by the Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai and Nataka Mandram, at the Raja Annamalaipuram Muthamizh Peravai Thiruvaduthurai Rajarathinam Auditorium on 29.06.2024. Chairman of the Iyal, Isai Nataka Mandram, Thiru. Vagai Chandrasekhar, Member Secretary, Tmt. Vijaya Thayanban, Thiru.N.Ram and Government higher officials were present.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lists actions taken after Kallakurichi spurious liquor incident

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 21.06.2024, in connection with the Kallakurichi spurious liquor incident.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, The day before yesterday, i.e. on 19.06.2024, 47 persons belonging to Karunapuram in Kallakurichi Taluk, Kallakurichi District suffered serious health problems due to consumption of methanol mixed with poisonous liquor. Like you, I am deeply saddened by this very tragic loss. In this regard, in this Assembly yesterday we paid our condolences to the families of those who died.

I pay my respects to those who died. I also convey my condolences to the bereaved families.

As various views have been expressed in this Legislative Assembly regarding this incident, with the permission of the Hon'ble Speaker, I would like to convey a few details to this Legislative Assembly.

In connection with the Karunapuram incident in Kallakurichi District yesterday, in the preliminary investigation conducted by the Police and Revenue Department, it was reported that many people have suffered health problems due to drinking alcohol mixed with methanol. I immediately advised all those affected to get the necessary emergency medical assistance.

57 additional Government Doctors from Viluppuram, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruvannamalai and Chengalpattu Districts were sent to Kallakurichi Hospital to speed up the medical work.

An adequate number of nurses and technical staff have been deployed there. They are working together with the 161 doctors who are already in Kallakurichi Government Hospital.

Government hospitals have adequate stock of all life-saving drugs that can be used to treat such cases. I am informed that wherever necessary, they are being procured in the open market to save the lives of the victims.

found that methanol has been brought from Puducherry.

I would like to inform this House that anyone found to be associated with these individuals will be apprehended and brought to justice.

As soon as I got the information about this incident, I ordered the Hon'ble Minister in charge, Thiru. E.V.Velu, and the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma.Subramanian to immediately go to the Kallakurichi Medical College Hospital and provide all the necessary assistance to the people undergoing treatment. They went there on the night of 19th and carried out the work.

The Director of Tamil Nadu Health Programme and the Director of Medical Education have already been sent there to coordinate these medical activities.

Out of 164 persons affected in this incident, 117 are receiving in-patient treatment. 47 persons have succumbed despite treatment.

At present, 67 persons are undergoing treatment in Kallakurichi Government Medical College Hospital, 32 persons in Salem Government Medical College Hospital, 2 persons in Viluppuram Government Medical College Hospital and 16 persons in JIPMER-Puducherry Hospital.

In connection with this incident, Govindaraj alias Kannukutty has been immediately arrested by the Police Department. 200 litres of methanol liquor have been seized from him. Also, 3 persons involved in this incident, namely Damodaran, Madhan and Vijaya W/o Govindaraj have been arrested. It has also been

In this regard, I held a review meeting with the higher officials on the morning of the 20th. After that, I ordered three Ministers, namely Thiru.E.V.Velu, Thiru.Udhayanidhi and Thiru.Ma.Subramanian again go to Kallakurichi. They also went to Kallakurichi and met the affected people. For each victim they provided relief assistance of Rs.10 lakh. Rs.50 thousand is to be given to those undergoing treatment in the hospital.

I had ordered not only the Ministers but also the Home Secretary and the DGP to go in person. I have asked them to give the inquiry report in one or two days. I promise to expedite action on the report once I get it.

You are all well aware that due action is being taken against those responsible for this tragedy which has caused all of us unspeakable pain.

- ❖ As a first step, the Kallakurichi District Collector was transferred immediately.
- ❖ Kallakurichi District Superintendent of Police has been suspended (temporarily).
- ❖ Deputy Superintendent of Police Prohibition Enforcement Wing -
- ❖ Kallakurichi Prohibition Enforcement Wing Police Station Inspector -
- ❖ Thirukovilur Police Station Inspector Prohibition Enforcement Wing -
- ❖ Thirukovilur Sub Inspector of Police -
- ❖ Thirukovilur Law and Order Police Station Inspector, Sub Inspector, Police Station Writer, Special Police Sub Inspector and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Thirukovilur have been suspended (temporarily).
- ❖ The Additional Director General, Prohibition Enforcement Wing, and Superintendent of Police, Prohibition Enforcement Wing have been transferred and placed in the waiting list.

The case was immediately referred to the CB-CID to investigate the incident and take legal action accordingly.

After that CB-CID IG has also personally visited the place and started the investigation.

We are seriously taking all the necessary legal action against those who sell these drugs on the basis that we cannot allow any kind of drug that affects the future society in the worst possible way.

You all talked about the continuous follow-up action.

The Government handed over a case related to a similar incident in May last year to CB-CID. That case involved two districts. In the Viluppuram case, 21 criminals were arrested; 8 criminals were jailed under the Goondas Act. Disciplinary action has been taken against 16 police officers.

In that case, methanol brought from Andhra Pradesh was used to make spurious liquor.

The investigation of this case has been completed and the chargesheet has been filed in the Viluppuram court.

As far as the Chengalpattu District case is concerned, 6 cases have been registered, investigation has been carried out and 9 convicts have been arrested. Among them 5 persons have been jailed under the Goondas Act. 6 police officers have been suspended. The investigation of the case has reached its final stage.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has paid particular attention to this and has taken serious preventive measures to ensure that criminal activities like brewing, selling, smuggling and selling spurious liquor should not take place.

I would like to list them.

Special raids are frequently conducted by the Prohibition and Enforcement Wing and the

Revenue Department along with the District Police to prevent the brewing of adulterated liquor.

Ever since our Government took charge, 4,63,710 cases have been registered and 4,61,084 persons have been arrested.

- Since this Government took over, 565 persons have been arrested under the Goondas Act.
- 16,51,633 litres of spurious liquor have been seized and destroyed.
- 1,42,019 litres of spirit have been seized and destroyed.
- 28,79,605 litres of pre-distilled arrack have been seized and destroyed.
- A total of 45 permanent liquor prohibition check posts have been set up across the state and steps have been taken to prevent illegal liquor smuggling.
- As deaths are mainly due to use of methanol in adulterated liquor, District Police Superintendents have been directed to audit all methanol production units, users, factories licensed for possession and use of methanol, etc., in the state.

Also, their monthly reports are monitored at Prohibition Enforcement Wing Headquarters. But, the methanol produced in the neighbouring state is brought into our state illegally and is causing such incidents.

- Also, as per the instructions of the Government, weekly meetings of the Police and the Revenue Department under the leadership of the District Collector will be held on every Monday with the officers and the District Manager of the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation regarding the prevention of spurious liquor and drugs.
- I have also ordered that action be taken under the Goondas Act against those who brew spurious liquor and those who sell drugs.
- With regard to the Kallakurichi incident, 14,606 cases have been registered and 10,154 persons have been convicted since this Government took charge. 58 have been jailed under the Goondas Act.

Even though this Government is taking very strict measures to eliminate counterfeit liquor, it is very painful that such unpleasant incidents occur.

This Government will provide all assistance to those affected by this incident. The children affected by this incident will be rehabilitated. Rs.10 lakh relief has already been announced considering their welfare. The following reliefs will be provided in addition to that measure.

The Government will bear all expenses including tuition fee, hostel fee up to graduation of children who are bereaved of both parents or one parent.

Every child who has lost both parents and is in need of support to grow up under the care of a guardian, will be given a monthly assistance

of Rs.5,000 each till the age of 18 years.

As immediate relief, an amount Rs.5 lakh from the Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund, will be immediately kept in fixed deposit in the name of children who have lost both parents. The amount will be paid to them with interest once they complete 18 years of age.

Each child who has lost one parent will be provided Rs.3 lakh from the Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund.

Children who have lost one or both parents will be given priority in all Government welfare schemes.

Children who have lost their parents will be admitted to Government and Government-sponsored homes and hostels on a voluntary basis.

Further, a one-man commission headed by retired High Court Justice Thiru. Gokuldas has been set up to conduct a detailed inquiry into the Kallakurichi incident and advise on the measures to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The commission will conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter and submit its recommendations within three months. This Government will take appropriate measures based on the commission’s report.

Some members said, “The Chief Minister should take responsibility for the incident”. Not only as the person in charge of the Home Department, but also as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I am not one to run away from any problem. I am answering responsibly because I feel responsible. I have also listed the steps taken. I have given you an answer only after arresting the criminals. I am taking action against the criminals with an open mind and an iron hand.

When the opposition party was in power, the involvement of Ministers and high police officers in the drug issue was investigated and the case is also in the court. The people have not forgotten this. I have in my hand the list of deaths due to spurious liquor during the previous regime. But I don’t want to do politics using all that.

I request you not to seek political gain out of this tragic incident.

As for me, I promise that I will take any drastic action that is needed to protect the people from anti-social forces.

Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme – 24.06.2024

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

We are continuously improving the infrastructural facilities in the State. We are providing all development works without the distinction of city and village. We are working with the goal of our Dravidian Model Government which is development for all sectors, development of all Districts and development of all communities. Road development is very, very important in this. All the members of this House know that the Government is engaged in road development without making a distinction between city and village.

Village Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads are important factors in promoting economic development of rural people and eradicating poverty.

Tamil Nadu has about 1.38 lakh kilometres of village panchayat and panchayat union roads. Now I would like to make a new announcement to further improve roads in rural areas.

Investment in rural roads is directly related to the welfare of rural people. Improvement of road infrastructure and transport services increases business efficiency in rural areas. By doing so, it reduces input costs and increases agricultural production, leading to rural development. Quality roads increase the income level of rural people.

Road development helps to accelerate development by providing services like education, health, information and eliminating social and economic inequalities.

That is why our Government is constantly giving priority to the development of motorable roads, main roads connecting hamlets, roads connecting villages to essential services.

Accordingly, you are all aware that on 13.01.2023 I announced a new scheme in the Legislative Assembly called 'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam'.

Roads to a length of 10,000 km have been laid in the last two years under this scheme. An allocation of Rs.4,000 crore has been made for the development of panchayat union roads and village panchayat roads. Accordingly, till now I am happy to announce that rural road works to a length of 8,120 km have been completed.

- Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam
- NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund
- Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

A total of 16,596 km of roads have been laid in the last 3 years under the Rural Roads Improvement Scheme in villages adjacent to urban areas. Planning permission has been granted for construction of stretch roads and 425 high level bridges. Its total value is Rs.9,324.49 crore. We plan to continue to implement this. An additional 10,000 km will be constructed in the next two years through the 'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam'.

I am pleased to announce to this House that long stretches of rural roads will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.4,000 crore.

Nandri, Vanakkam!

Let us come together to uproot the disease called NEET

The news that has come out regarding the recent NEET results confirms that our policy stance against the exam is justified.

Issues like question paper leaks, students getting more marks from particular centres, awarding impracticable marks in the guise of mercy marks highlight the shortcomings of the current Union Government's devolution.

These indicate the need for State Governments and the school system to regain primacy in determining the admissions process for vocational courses.

Once again we emphatically say:

NEET and other national entrance exams are biased against poor students.

They undermine federalism.

They are against social justice.

They affect doctors availability where needed.

Let us join hands to eliminate the disease called NEET! The day is not far away when we will have eradicated NEET!

- Social Media post of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin- 07.06.2024

Hon'ble Chief Minister points out demerits of eligibility test

Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly passes resolution for scrapping NEET unanimously

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly while moving a resolution on the Draft Bill against NEET-28.06.2024

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Our Tamil Nadu is leading the country in the field of medicine and various public health indices. The basis of these achievements is the excellent medical education system followed in our Tamil Nadu over the years. Abolition of the entrance examination for all professional courses including medicine, based on the recommendations the Dr. Ananthakrishnan Committee. It was Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who laid the foundation for these achievements.

We are following a pioneering admission system based on academic marks to ensure social justice and equal opportunities for all students. It is because of this system that doctors from all parts of Tamil Nadu can be trained and provide excellent medical services to all the regions. But in 2017, after the Union Government made NEET mandatory for admission to medical students, this situation completely changed and medical studies became impossible for poor students. Rural, poor and underprivileged students who cannot attend coaching classes cannot crack this exam. Not only that; this system will also affect the medical services provided in rural and underprivileged areas in the future.

Considering all these, since the time of introduction of NEET entrance exam, we have been opposing it politically and legally.; on behalf of the DMK's youth wing various forms of protests were also held. In particular, a massive signature drive was conducted by bringing together the students and doctors on, "NEET Exemption – Our Goal". The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Thambi Udhayanidhi elaborated on all these in his recommendation.

There is an unshakable consensus among the people of Tamil Nadu, political parties and social thinkers on the issue of NEET examination. Based on the recommendation of the High-Level Committee headed by retired Justice Thiru.A.K.Rajan, the Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, 2021 was unanimously passed in this Legislative Assembly on 13.09.2021. But even after a long legal battle, no approval was given by the Hon'ble Governor and it was sent back for reconsideration.

An all-party meeting was held under my chairmanship on 05.02.2022 and the resolution to introduce this bill again in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was unanimously passed. The Bill was again passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 08.02.2022. Although the Government of Tamil Nadu has given prompt replies to all the clarifications sent by the Governor to the Union Government for the approval of the Hon'ble President, the Union Government is delaying its approval.

In this situation, the incidents that took place during the recent NEET examination have shaken the confidence of our students in competitive examinations.

* An unprecedented number of students scored full marks.
* On the pretext that the examinations started late, grace marks were awarded in a manner not specified in the rules. Due to protests, these grace marks were cancelled and re-examination was conducted for them.
* There are reports that the question paper had been released before the examination in various exam centers.
* Allegations of corruption at the examination centre where the invigilator filled the answer sheets has shocked the students and their families who have prepared for this competitive exam after years of hard work and huge expenses.

The Union Government completely denied these allegations and claimed that no wrong doing had been done, and then changed the head of the NTA organization that conducted the examination only after being rapped by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It also ordered a CBI inquiry on the allegations raised regarding examination irregularities. The entrance exam for postgraduate medical courses has also been cancelled.

While Tamil Nadu and the people of Tamil Nadu have been waging a war against the NEET exam for many years, realizing the real nature of the NEET exam, protests against it are starting in various states. Recent events show that the voice of Tamil Nadu is echoing across the country as the voice of India today.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Selvi Mamata Banerjee has written a letter to the Prime Minister saying, "The system of State Governments themselves deciding on the admission of students for medical courses should be brought back". The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Thiru.Rahul Gandhi, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Thiru.Akhilesh Yadav, and many leaders like Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav have

written a letter urging scrapping of the NEET exam.

In this context, to succeed in our efforts to exempt Tamil Nadu from the NEET examination, I request that this House should pass the following resolution as a necessary step to eliminate the NEET examination at the national level.

Resolution

"The NEET system, which seriously affects the medical education opportunities of the rural, poor and needy students, makes school education superfluous and deprives the state Governments of the right to admit students to state medical colleges, should be abolished.

The Union Government should immediately approve the NEET Exemption Bill unanimously passed by this Legislative Assembly to exempt Tamil Nadu from this examination and to conduct admissions of medical students on the basis of 12th class marks obtained by students in school education.

While various states are currently opposing this examination system which is continuously leading to many irregularities, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously resolves that the Union Government should make the necessary amendments in the National Medical Commission Act so that the NEET examination system is abandoned at the level."

'Indian team showed ingenuity even in challenging situations'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** congratulates Team India's victory in the T20 World Cup - 30.06.2024.

I am excited to celebrate the fact that our Indian team, showing complete dominance, has won the T20 World Cup for the second time.

Our Indian team has shown unparalleled ingenuity even in challenging situations and has completed the World Cup series without losing even once.

Kudos to the Indian team!

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces over 75,000 new Government jobs by January 2026

Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 regarding employment opportunities for youth - 25.06.2024.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, It is the speciality of the Dravidian Model Government that it always keeps in mind the welfare of the youth, the future of the youth, and their growth! We are working very carefully in creating jobs so that we can use youth power constructively. I would now like to make an announcement in this regard.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is functioning as a Government for prosperity and peace. We are planning various schemes to create a prosperous Tamil Nadu and thereby give employment for our youth. We provide quality schooling and higher education to our students. Also, skill development training is provided to increase their employability. We are building a knowledge economy through education.

Schemes like Pudhumai Penn, Tamil Pudhalvan, Naan Mudhalvan, etc., were developed with these aims in mind. Our Dravidian Model Government is a Government that thinks about the next generation and not about the next election. Since the Kazhagam Government assumed charge, in the last three years, 32,774 persons have been given direct employment in various Government Departments through the selection agencies of Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board, The Medical Services Recruitment Board and Teachers Recruitment Board.

Likewise, 32,709 youths got employment in various Government organizations like local bodies, and Government sector organizations. I am happy to announce that a total of

65,483 youths have been appointed in Government jobs in the past 3 years.

We have created a large number of jobs not only in the Government sector, but also through large enterprises and micro and small enterprises. Lakhs of jobs have been created in the last 3 years due to the various initiatives taken by our Government and huge investments made available through the global investors meet conducted in an excellent manner. I would like to convey this to this Legislative Assembly with proof and not merely with words.

The statistics on employment created in organized private sectors in Tamil Nadu in the last 3 years were obtained from the Union Government's Employees Provident Fund Organization. It is an organization under the Ministry of Labour and Employment of the Union Government. According to the data of the organization, a total of 77,78,999 youths have got employment in the past 3 years. Employees Provident Fund Accounts have also been opened for them.

Apart from this, special training is being imparted through the 'Naan Mudhalvan Scheme' which I will always proudly refer to as my dream project. Through this, the skills of the educated youth are being improved. So far, 3,06,459 persons have been employed in the private sector through this scheme. Similarly, 2,01,596 youths were given employment in private companies in the past 3 years through special employment camps conducted by the Labour Welfare Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Adding these two, I am proud to say that due to the efforts of the Tamil Nadu Government, a total of 5,08,055 Tamil Nadu youths have been given employment in the past 3 years alone.

Our youth are our greatest strength! They are the basis of our future prosperity!' Realizing this, the Government of Tamil Nadu is making these efforts.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to convey happy news to the thousands of young people of Tamil Nadu, who are looking for Government jobs. By January 2026, that is within 18 months, for various Government posts, through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission 17,595 posts, 19,260 teacher posts through Teachers Recruitment Board, 3,041 posts through Medical Services Recruitment Board and 6,688 posts through Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board will be filled. This means that by January 2026, a total of 46,584 posts will be filled. Apart from this, 30,219 vacancies in important Departments including Social Welfare Department, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department will also be filled.

I am happy to inform you that if we put these together, more than 75,000 Government posts will be filled by January 2026.

Hon’ble Chief Minister reiterates demand for caste-wise census by Union Government

Speech delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 26.06.2024 on caste census, while proposing a separate resolution.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

This Government is advancing ahead in its journey of social justice on the basis of the ideal of ‘everything for everyone’ and the high principle that all are born equal.

We can become a society with real, widespread economic development only by making people from all walks of life have equal opportunities and equal rights in getting education and employment. It is with that aim that the reservation policy is being implemented to bring a balance between all sections of the people in educational, social and economic fields. Thus, we are making a way for the people from sections of society such as the downtrodden, the backward, the very backward, the minorities and the differently-abled to develop together and we are adhering to it.

Recently, there has been a widespread demand for a caste-wise census. The day before yesterday, P.M.K. Legislature Party Leader Thiru.G.K. Mani, expressed an opinion that the

State Government should carry out a caste-wise census. First of all, I would like to state here that the opinion of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is that a caste-wise census should be carried out. I think it would be proper to address this Legislative Assembly in full detail on this very important subject.

National Census is a mammoth task undertaken by the Union Government under the Census Act, 1948. It is a grand mission which has been conducted by the Union Government every 10 consecutive years for more than 100 years since British rule. All the population-related statistics are collected through this census and compiled and published by the Union Government. According to Section 3 of the Census Act, the Union Government should conduct the census. But a widely held opinion is that the State Government can carry out a caste-wise census under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008.

While the State Governments are empowered to collect socio-economic statistics under this Act, Section 3, Sub-section(a) of the same Act prohibits the collection of statistics in respect of castes in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is in the 7th schedule that the census is mentioned as the 69th entry. Apart from that, Section 32 of the Act clearly states that Census data cannot be collected under the Census Act, 1948. Also, a case related to this matter is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

In this case, contrary to the misunderstanding in the public space, caste-wise census cannot be conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008. A legally sustainable census means that it must be carried out under the Census Act, a Union law. Therefore, we have been insisting that it would be proper for the Union Government to undertake this work.

According to Article 246 of the Constitution, the census is placed in the Union Government List. Why is the Union Government delaying the census, which is a basic task to be carried out once in 10 years, in 2021? The first year was due to the COVID pandemic. Isn't the union Government neglecting its duty by not carrying out the work more than 3 years after the end of COVID?

I wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20.10.2023 insisting that not only the census but also the caste wise census should be started immediately. When the Union Government carries out field work, the decisions taken by the State Government based on the available statistics and the laws enacted will always have legal protection. On the contrary, if the respective state Governments collect statistics in the name of a survey and then enact laws based on it, it is

likely to be struck down by the courts at a later date. Therefore, based on these reasons, I would like to propose the following resolution through this Assembly asking the Union Government to immediately start the already delayed census and also to conduct a caste-wise census.

Resolution

"The House considers that a caste-wise census is necessary to make plans and legislate to ensure equal rights and equal opportunities in education, economy and employment for all the people of India".

"The House unanimously urges the Union Government to start the census operations, which should have been conducted in the year 2021, immediately, and also to conduct the caste-wise census at the same time".

"I request that all Hon'ble Members pass this resolution unanimously".

July 11: Birth anniversary of Veeran Azhagumuthukone

Azhagumuthukone: the thirst for freedom against all odds

The freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone mobilized a force to recover Ettayapuram. Many soldiers joined the force from the Pethanaickanur and Maveli Odai region. They were trained in warfare by Veeran Azhagumuthukone.

To rescue Ettayapuram, the hero Azhagumuthukone mobilized a large army and divided it into two divisions. One was led by the King Venkateswara Ettapar and the other by the freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone. The armies set off in two directions. The army under the leadership of the freedom fighter Azhagumuthukone stayed at Pethanaickanur Fort during the night. Learning of this through spies, Khan Sahib thought it was the right moment to attack and besieged the fort where Azhagumuthukone had camped. When the soldiers were fast asleep, Khan Sahib used a surprise attack strategy. Unable to face this sudden attack, the soldiers died in battle.

The 255 soldiers who were captured alive, including Azhagumuthukone, were dragged to a place called Nadukattur Seemai and the right arms of 248 soldiers were chopped off and thrown away.

The remaining seven namely, Azhagumuthukone, Kechilanan Servai, Venkatesurarettu Servai, Muthazhagu Servai, Parivaram Muthirulan, his younger brother Jegaveera Reytulachumanan, and Thalikattupuram Mayiluppillai were tied on the mouth of cannons and shot. The white men committed this atrocity in July 1759.

Even when tied to cannons and blasted into bits, they did not give up their fight for freedom. The hero who lost his life, Azhagumuthukone sowed the seeds for the liberation war in Tamil Nadu, saying that we should die as a free man rather than live as a slave.

Courtesy – **The book, 'Tadam Pathitha Thalaivarkal'**

Hon’ble Chief Minister makes two major announcements

International airport on 2,000 acres for Hosur, world class library for Tiruchirappalli

Announcement made by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on International Airport at Hosur and world class library in the name of Kalaignar at Tiruchirappalli – 27.06.2024.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to make one announcement in this House that will lay the foundation for the infrastructure and industrial development of Tamil Nadu and another which will lay the foundation for the knowledge development of the youth of Tamil Nadu.

After our Dravidian model rule was established, Tamil Nadu is growing in all sectors. The most important of these is the sector of large-scale industries. As Tamil Nadu is a developing state and a peaceful one, various companies from all over the world are coming towards Tamil Nadu to start their business. Not only is Tamil Nadu’s industry growing through these companies; employment is also generated for the youth of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu has progressed to become the ‘Numero uno’ state in India in the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) for 2022. Tamil Nadu is India’s leading state in the export of motor vehicles, spare parts, leather goods and electronics. In the ranking of states for industrial growth, Tamil Nadu, which was at the bottom in 2020, has now got the top performer status. Tamil Nadu, which is the second largest economic state in India, is taking various initiatives to quickly achieve the goal of making Tamil Nadu a trillion US dollar economy by 2030. Tamil Nadu has emerged as a state that attracts global investors. From this, you can see how the state is growing.

We are expanding industries in all Districts. In the electronics and electric vehicle

manufacturing sector, Hosur has been attracting more and more investments in the last few years. The Government of Tamil Nadu is currently implementing various visionary projects with the aim of setting up modern infrastructure in the rapidly growing city of Hosur, to make it an important economic development centre of Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, a new Master Plan for the city of Hosur has been prepared and is nearing completion. This Government considers it necessary to establish an airport at Hosur to help the overall socio-economic development not only of Hosur but also Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri areas.

I am pleased to announce in this House that an international airport, capable of handling 30 million passengers yearly, will be set up on two thousand acres at Hosur.

Next, I would like to make a second announcement.

The Dravidian movement is an intellectual movement. That is why the first head office of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was named as 'Arivagam' by Perarignar Anna. The present headquarters was named as 'Arivalayam' by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. Reading rooms were created wherever Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam branched out. It developed not only as a political movement but also as a Tamil literary movement.

For Perarignar Anna, there was no difference between reading and breathing. Perarignar Anna had asked for his vital surgery to be postponed so that he could complete reading a book he was halfway through. Delighted to celebrate the great Perarignar's centenary, our leader Kalaignar created an eight-storied, library building on 3,33,000 square feet and named it 'Anna Centenary Library'. In this library, 1,200 persons can sit and read.

With the aim that people in other parts of Tamil Nadu should also benefit from such libraries, the Kalaignar Centenary Library was established and inaugurated by me on 15.07.2023 in Madurai famed for its Sangam.

In continuation of this, we announced in this year's Budget that a huge library and intellectual centre will be set up in the name of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar for the benefit of the people and youth of Coimbatore. The work will also start soon.

Now I am happy to inform this House that a world-class library and intellectual centre will be established in the city of Tiruchirappalli, in the name of the Kalaignar. Incorporating various facilities, it will become a repository of knowledge in the paddy belt of Tamil Nadu. Let me tell you that every day we plan such projects, we make every day a new dawn.

TNUHDB to renovate 28,643 dilapidated flats

Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110, on reconstruction of TNUHDB tenements which are in dilapidated condition, on 28.06.2024.

The Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), created by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, following the path, 'Let's find God in the smile of the poor', is implementing many schemes for the poor people living in urban areas to live in apartments.

After this Government took over, TNUHDB's work has been prioritized and in the last three years alone, 29,439 flats and 1,70,462 independent houses have been completed. Also, construction work for 79,094 flats and 89,429 individual houses in 172 project areas is going on at various stages. An amount of Rs.6,685 crore has been spent on these project works.

Apart from building new flats, the Board is also focusing on rehabilitating old flats. Some of the flats built years ago by the TNUHDB in Chennai and other cities have become dilapidated due to prolonged use and climate. A systematic survey of these dwellings has been made and arrangements have been made for their reconstruction. Post-reconstruction, these dwellings will be allocated to families who previously lived in old settlements with new, improved features and amenities, as well as to urban poor families living in the vicinity of the same project areas.

At present, 1,93,891 flats are being maintained across Tamil Nadu by the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. Out of them, 28,643 dwellings have been found to be dilapidated by the technical team. All these will be reconstructed within the next three years.

I am happy to inform you that in the first phase, 6,746 flats in the Eastern Cemetery Road, Kodungaiyur and V.O.C. Nagar Project areas in Chennai, A.V. Pathi Nagar Project Area in Thanjavur and Kotakkollai Project Area in Tiruchirappalli will be reconstructed at a cost of Rs.1,146 crore in the year 2024-2025. Construction in new project areas will also be undertaken.

Hon'ble Chief Minister holds talks with District Collectors on houses for those hit by Michaung

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** chaired the review meeting of District Collectors - 11.06.2024

The Tiruvallur District Collector said that they have divided the affected houses into two categories. One completely damaged and the other partially damaged houses. 1,360 houses have been identified as completely damaged houses and an allocation of Rs. 4 lakh has been made for each house. Also, administrative sanction has been obtained before the election date and all the occupants have been evicted and construction of houses started. Similarly, for the families whose businesses were affected by Cyclone Michaung, loan assistance has been arranged through the District Industrial Centres and steps have been taken to increase the amount of loan assistance to women self-help groups.

Further, **the Kancheepuram District Collector** said that Kundrathur Taluk of the district was heavily affected by the storm and crop damage was also reported in Kancheepuram Taluk. He said that 100 per cent crop compensation has been given to the eligible farmers. Apart from that, the damaged houses have been classified into temporary repair and permanent construction. Construction work has started and some houses have been completed. He also said that loans have been given to the victims and certificates have been given to those who have lost their certificates.

The Chengalpattu District Collector said that everyone had been given administrative permission before the election to repair the

affected houses. Construction work has started. Many houses have been completed and construction work is in progress in the remaining houses. He also said that loan facilities have been provided to the affected people and a special camp has been conducted to provide all necessary certificates to the students going to school in the affected areas.

Views of Collectors on the progress in the construction of 40,000 houses under the house-building scheme in their respective Districts.

The Cuddalore District Collector said that about 11,455 houses have to be completed in Cuddalore district, out of which construction is yet to start for 1,245 houses. He said that an officer has been appointed at the village level. Targets have been fixed for the Panchayat Secretary and Overhead Tank Operator (OHT Operator). The Zonal Deputy District Development Officers are also supervising the work. He said that review meeting is being held once in two weeks under his chairmanship and the work has been expedited.

The Nagapattinam District Collector said that about 6,000 houses are to be completed in Nagapattinam District and the target is being set and work is being done. He also informed that weekly review meetings are being held and good progress is being made in the works and the works will be completed soon.

The Mayiladuthurai District Collector said that 33,000 houses have been allocated for Mayiladuthurai District and they had gone directly to the grama panchayat level and called the grama panchayat heads in the areas and held a meeting to inquire about their needs and fixed them. He said 5,000 houses have been completed and the target has been set and the work is being carried out. He informed us that the Grama Panchayat leaders have been asked about the practical problems and they have been resolved . Steps are being taken to complete the pending houses.

At the end of this meeting, **the Hon'ble Chief Minister** said that the construction of new houses for the homeless is the prime duty of the government and sufficient funds have been allocated for this. Therefore, the district administration should pay more attention to this and complete these works as soon as possible. He also made the request that as the rainy season is about to start, cleaning all the lakes, ponds and culverts, carrying out civil works, and starting the precautionary measures for the rainy season, should start and the district administration should pay more attention to those works as well.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K.Stalin

We meet again today after the conference held last October.

My appreciation and congratulations to all of you who have handled the election work so well!

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to you for taking care to avoid water shortage and power cut during this severe summer season.

All the schemes that we have implemented after taking over the government in 2021 are reaching the people; the benefits of the programmes are going to the needy. I am saying this from my direct experience of interacting with people.

The government officials and officers have a big role in taking the schemes brought by our government to the people. My thanks to the District Collectors for monitoring this!

We are going to introduce more schemes in the coming days. Similar to the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme, the 'Tamil Pudhalvan' scheme is going to be launched to provide students with a thousand rupees. Such a project is the foundation for the development of youth power in Tamil Nadu!

I request the District Collectors to focus their attention on such projects.

The next two years are very important years for the growth and development of Tamil Nadu! We have a duty to do better public welfare work with renewed vigour.

To provide better governance, it is important that we focus on four objectives. These are

★ Maintenance of law and order
★ Implementation of better social welfare programmes
★ Improving infrastructure and creating employment
★ Ensuring easy access to public services without hindrance to the public

The four goals mentioned above constitute the grammar of good governance! We are providing such good governance!

We are executing many projects. New industries are coming towards Tamil Nadu.

We have made the people think that this is their government. All this should continue uninterruptedly in the years to come.

Based on all this, it is my duty to convey to you certain schemes that you should pay close attention to.

★ It has been decided to implement the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' scheme from July 15th to September 15th in the rural areas.

★ Schemes like 'Ungalai Thedi Ungal Ooril' and 'Neengal Nalama' are also to be implemented.

★ In the revenue Department, issues such as change of patta, and difficulties faced by the public in obtaining certificates have come to the attention of the government. I request all District Collectors to pay special attention to this.

★ 'Kalaignar's Dream Home' project: I request you to pay special attention to the project of the reconstruction of two-and-a-half lakh houses and complete the work expeditiously.

★ You should implement schemes like 'Kalloori Kanavu' and 'Uyarvukku Padi' with enthusiasm and focus so that all school children take up college education.

★ Likewise, the soon-to-be-launched 'Tamil Pudhalvan' project is also very important. I have already told you about this.

★ 'The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' has been extended to government-aided schools in the rural areas. You should also monitor this scheme carefully.

★ I request you to complete the ongoing work in the districts in 2024-2025 swiftly and without delay. This is because works may be delayed due to the natural calamities that may occur during the Southwest and Northeast Monsoon seasons. Considering this, I request you all to plan properly and complete the project works in the districts with high quality, within limited timeframe.

You have another very important duty. We have largely controlled the movement of drugs in Tamil Nadu. But that's not enough! Drug trafficking is not only a law and order problem but also a social problem! So drug traffic should be completely eradicated in Tamil Nadu. We are going to start a big movement for this.

District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, the Family Welfare Department and Municipal Administration Officers should coordinate and take all measures to eradicate drug use completely in your district.

Particular attention should be paid to areas where drug trafficking is detected. We should create a situation of which we can say, "There is no trafficking of drugs. We have rooted it out".

The Chief Secretary will give advice on various important projects in today's meeting. Based on the instructions given by the Chief Secretary, I kindly request you to do your work well and solve the problems of the people promptly. ■

98th birth anniversary of Kaviarasu Kannadasan

News in Picture

In connection with the 98th birth anniversary of Kaviarasu Kannadasan, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Thiru.M.Mahesh Kumar, Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Dr. L.Subramanian, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations, Dr. R.Vaithinathan, I.A.S., Director of Tamil Development Department Dr.N. Arul and the family members of Kaviarasu sprinkled flowers on the decorated portrait of Kaviarasu Kannadasan kept near his statue at Thiyagaraya Nagar, Chennai on 24.06.2024.

‘Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom’ Scheme

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates scheme for increasing soil fertility, eco-friendly measures

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the ‘Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom’ Scheme - 12.06.2024.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the ‘Chief Minister’s Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme’, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Under the scheme, 4,000 MT of green manure seeds will be distributed to farmers with a budget of Rs.20 crore, for planting green manure seeds on an area of 2 lakh acres. Also, on behalf of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, the Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurated supply of tractors, cluster ploughs and rotavators for the use of farmers at subsidized rent and also a programme to impart training to rural youth to drive tractors.

For the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, in order to give more importance to the agriculture sector, a separate budget was submitted for the agriculture sector and the name of the agriculture Department has been changed to Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department.

To increase the income of agriculturists manifold, the Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme (KAVIADP), the Chief Minister’s Dryland Development Mission, the Nel Jayaraman Mission for conservation of Traditional Rice Varieties, scheme for free electricity connections to farmers are being implemented for the benefit of farmers. The

Government has also launched a separate website for soil fertility so that the farmers can know the soil fertility of their fields. The Government is also implementing, agricultural mechanization scheme, to provide agricultural equipment packages to farmers and a crop protection scheme.

Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme to distribute green manure seeds

The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department's budget proposals for the year 2024-2025 state that due to continuous cultivation of one crop, the land absorbs more nutrients from the soil resulting in the decrease of soil fertility. Apart from this, the use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides in large quantities to increase production has reduced the number of microorganisms in the soil, resulting in poor soil fertility and health. Therefore, it has been announced that a new scheme called Chief Minister's Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme will be implemented in 2024-2025 with 22 components at a cost of Rs.206 crore, to maintain soil fertility and encourage all agricultural practices like bio-based agriculture for the benefit of farmers.

Under this scheme, distribution of green manure seed has been announced as the first species. Through green manure crops, soil fertility is maintained, soil microorganisms are protected and soil nutrients are increased biologically. This will improve the quality of agricultural produce and the well-being of the people will be protected.

Green manure crops grow in the soil, decompose in the soil, and increase the fertility of the soil. To encourage its cultivation among the farmers, the scheme is to be implemented in the first phase of 2024-2025 in irrigated and lift irrigation areas, at a cost of Rs.20 crore on an area of 2 lakh acres.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed green manure seeds to the farmers and launched the Chief Minister's 'Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom' Scheme. This will benefit more than 2 lakh farmers.

Provision of tractors, agricultural implements for rental rates farmers use at subsidized

In the Agriculture Budget announcement, it is said that there is a huge demand for agricultural machines and the responsibility of the government is to take them to the last small town in order to meet the demand of the farmers and help carry out the agricultural work without hindrance. It was announced that machinery will be procured at a cost of Rs.25 crore and will be given on subsidized rent to the needy farmers through the Department's e-rental app.

According to the notification, the purchase was made through the Department of Agricultural Engineering , at an estimated cost of Rs.10.25 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister flagged off 90 tractors, and also inaugurated for the use of farmers, 180 cluster ploughs and 90 rotavators at subsidized rent fixed by the Government.

Training rural youth to drive tractors

In the budget proposals of the Department for the year 2023-2024, it was announced that 500 rural youth would be trained in six mechanical workshops at Vellore, Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Tiruvarur and Tirunelveli, at a cost of Rs. one crore, to use agricultural machines and operate and handle tractors and harvesters.

As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister flagged off the tractors for imparting tractor driving training to rural youth through the Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Tamil Nadu, a pioneering state in eradicating child labour

Let's eliminate child labour!
Let's light the torch of education in the lives of children!

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on World Day Against Child Labour - 11.06.2024

'World Day Against Child Labour' is observed every year on 12th June to create awareness against child labour around the world.

During childhood, when life should be enjoyed with education, dance, song and sports, some children are forced to work long hours for low wages as labourers. This can affect their future, their health, and their physical and mental development. A country loses its social development, economic progress, peace, social harmony and dynamic human resource, when children who are meant to be good citizens become labourers at an early age.

The basic aim of the Government of Tamil Nadu is to free the young children who are burdened with heavy work, from the cruelty of child labour, and to give them a pleasant childhood and proper education.

The Government is implementing various welfare schemes to rescue children who have become child labourers due to insufficient income of parents and family circumstances, provide

them with quality education and reduce the burden of parents. Free education, free textbooks, notebooks, book bag, uniforms, nutritious breakfast, lunch, shoes, free bus travel cards and cycles are being provided. Tamil Nadu is the pioneering state in India in eradicating child labour by immediately repatriating the children and educating them in special training centres where child labour is detected.

Various awareness programmes are being conducted across the state to create a child-labour free society. Laws and regulations relating to the elimination of child labour are being systematically enforced. The Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to making Tamil Nadu a child labour-free state by 2025 by active law enforcement, State Action Plan and Standard Operating Procedures for the elimination of child labour. Child labour in the state has been drastically reduced due to various joint initiatives undertaken by the Government.

Currently, the public and employers are avoiding child labour considering the importance of this problem. District Collectors and Government officials are taking active steps to declare their districts child-labour free. It is certain that we will achieve the goal of no child labour in Tamil Nadu by the year 2025 due to the continuous efforts of the Government.

Therefore, let all parents and employers pledge not to employ children under the age of 14 in all types of occupations and hazardous work and make our country a prosperous one. Let's make Tamil Nadu state free of child labour!

The golden age of Tamil Nadu will dawn when there is no child labour at all.

News In Picture

94th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Guardian of Social Justice Thiru. V.P. Singh

In connection with the 94th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Guardian of Social Justice, Thiru. V.P.Singh, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin paid homage by offering flower petals to the decorated portrait of V.P.Singh kept near his statue at the Presidency College premises, Chennai on 25.06.2024.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces Rs.78.67 crore Kuruvai special package for Delta farmers

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** on Kuruvai special package 2024 for delta paddy cultivation – 17.06.2024.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing many frontline schemes in the past three years to increase agriculture productivity and enhance the standard of living of farmers. The Government has been introducing many schemes with a long-term perspective to improve the income and life of farmers.

Normally the Mettur Reservoir is opened on 12th June every year for Kuruvai paddy cultivation in the Delta Districts. This year, due to poor storage, the reservoir could not be opened on the scheduled date for Kuruvai cultivation. Though the situation causes mental distress, the Government, taking into consideration the interests of farmers, has announced a Kuruvai package of Rs.78.67 crore to enable the delta farmers to take up cultivation.

As per the package, 2,000 metric tonnes of paddy seeds, costing Rs.3.85 crore, sufficient to cover one lakh acres of land, will be available for sale at a subsidized price for the farmers and the seeds will be available at all Agriculture Extension Centres.

The Government will give subsidy for mechanized cultivation of paddy to the tune of Rs. 40 crore, at Rs.4,000 per acre for one lakh acres of land.

To improve the nutrient content in 7,500 acres of nutrient-deficient lands, nutrient mixture will be distributed at 50 per cent cost and Rs.15 lakh has been allotted for this. In areas which are zinc-deficient, Rs.62.50 lakh has been sanctioned to use zinc sulphate in 25,000 acres and each farmer will be given Rs. 250 per acre for the purchase of zinc sulphate. To use gypsum in 25,000 acres, Rs.62.50 lakh will be given and gypsum will be supplied to farmers at a subsidy of Rs.250 per acre.

To cultivate pulses in 10,000 acres, quality seeds at 50 per cent subsidy, supply of Pseudomonas, liquid bio-fertilizer, and for spraying fertilizer on foliage, Rs.1.20 crore has been sanctioned. To increase pulses productivity,

nutrient packs will be supplied at 50 per cent subsidy for which Rs.20 lakh has been sanctioned. Through Agriculture Engineering Department,442 mechanical gadgets, including power tiller, weeder, rotavators, solar operated pump sets, grain separators, and fertilizer input machine, mechanical plough, rotating plough, seeds sorting machine and drone, will be given for hire and for this Rs.7.52 crore has been sanctioned.

To improve the standard of living of farmers in the Delta districts, orders have been issued sanctioning Rs.24.50 crore through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department in the kuruvai package scheme, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Rs. 78.67 crore Kuruvai special package will be implemented through State Government funds and by integrating various government schemes.

Let us Know

Measures taken by Department of Food and Consumer Protection

- 727 full-time and 1,330 part-time fair price shops were opened from May 2021 to May 2024 and made operational for the convenience of family cardholders. Steps are being taken to open new fair price shops wherever necessary.
- Family cardholders, who face any difficulty or wish to lodge a complaint at the Fair Price Shops, can lodge complaints through the toll free numbers 1800 425 5901 and 1967. Immediate action is being taken on these complaints and the grievances are being rectified promptly.
- Consumers should come forward to submit complaints related to negative business practices and substandard services as defined by the Consumer Protection Act before the Consumer Grievance Redressal Commission, operating at the district and state levels. Consumer issues are resolved after proper investigation.
- According to the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, during the procurement season 2023-2024, 3,157 direct paddy procurement centres were opened and 28.57 lakh MT paddy was procured and 3,66,726 farmers have benefited.
- The Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation operates 272 warehouses at 60 locations, with a capacity of 7.71 lakh MT.
- In the last 3 years, 3 storage warehouses with a capacity of 3,400 MT each at Pudukkottai, Thirumangalam and Ranipet, at an estimated cost of Rs.7.20 crore, have been opened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and all the three are in use.
- By issuing 203 Negotiable Warehouse Receipts to various depositors, the depositors have benefited to the tune of Rs. 45.36 crore from credit facilities.

Beneficiaries under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme return from England

Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulates students trained in data science and AI in Durham varsity

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K.Stalin's dream project 'Naan Mudhalvan' was launched on 01.03.2022 and this massive skill development initiative has been successfully implemented in the last two years.

More than 20 lakh students have benefited and are getting job opportunities through this scheme. Following this, under the SCOUT (Scholars for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent in Tamil Nadu) programme, organized

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin,** congratulated the students who returned from a trip to England under the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme - 17.06.2024.

by Naan Mudhalvan and the British Council, 100 students were selected from a total of 1,267 applications received from various colleges in Tamil Nadu. All of them first participated in a 24-hour online training, in which the selected 11 boys and 14 girl students received one-week

direct training in the leading fields of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence from June 9 to 16 at Durham University, England.

The programme provides talented college students from Tamil Nadu with rare opportunities to gain international experience and advanced skills.

For this programme, the students are selected and their travel, accommodation, training and other expenses are jointly borne by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation and British Council.

On 17.06.2024, these 25 students who returned to Tamil Nadu after receiving S.C.O.U.T. training, met the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin and the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin at the Hon'ble Chief Minister's camp office and shared their experiences and received their greetings. Out of these 25 students, 20 students are studying in government colleges. It is also noteworthy that among them 2 students, namely Sujatha Kuppusamy and Krithika Tulasimani are benefiting from the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme.

July 07: Birth anniversary of Rettaimalai Srinivasan

Social Revolutionary

Rettaimalai Srinivasan went to South Africa and stayed in Natal, where he worked as a court interpreter. That was the period when Annal Gandhi Adigal also worked as a lawyer in the court. It was then that he taught Annal Gandhi Adigal to sign in Tamil. Historical records say that he taught all the great and glorious things of the Kural. He returned to India in 1921 and decided to actively engage in social welfare work and joined the Justice Party to strive for social progress.

He served in the Chennai Provincial Assembly for 15 years. He spent in the best manner for the well-being of the people of his community. He worked for equal rights for all people. A bill was brought in the assembly to end the injustices of 'pollution' by touch and drinking water, and the resolution was passed.

It was only after 1928 that he went to the London Round Table Conference twice and participated in that conference and tirelessly advocated and voiced for the equal rights of the people of India and especially the downtrodden people. It should not be forgotten that Perumagan Rettaimalai Srinivasan, who was given the titles of Rao Sahib, Rao Bahadur, Diwan Bahadur and lived steadfastly till the end.

-From the speech delivered by Muthamizharignar **Kalaignar** on the release of the commemorative postage stamp of Rettaimalai Srinivasan on 15.08.2000.

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates excavation projects at 8 sites to establish antiquity of Tamils

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Archaeology Department virtually inaugurated the excavation work for the year 2024 at eight sites namely, Sivagangai District - Keeladi and its surrounding area Konthagai; Virudhunagar District - Vembakottai; Tiruvannamalai District- Keezhnamandi: Pudukkottai District - Porpanaikottai; Tenkasi District - Thirumalapuram; Krishnagiri District - Chennanur; Tiruppur District - Kongalnagaram and Cuddalore District - Marungur at the Secretariat on 18.06.2024.

Tamil Nadu is a land with 15 million years of human history. A new light has been shed on the history of Tamil Nadu through the results of the scientifically-based analysis of the excavations carried out by the Department of Archaeology of the State Government.

Keeladi excavations have had a huge impact not only among archaeologists but also among the Tamils of the world. The results of carbon dating firmly establish that Tamil society was an advanced literate society in the sixth century B.C. Porunai River Civilization is more than 3,200 years old, and can be confirmed by analysis of paddy husk recovered from Sivakalai excavations.

Similarly, dating results of two Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) from Mayiladumparai excavations in Krishnagiri district confirm the introduction of iron into Tamil Nadu 4,200 years ago.

We still have a long way to go to fill in the cultural and chronological gaps in our long, glorious history through recent archaeological achievements. Excavations are planned to cover

all parts of Tamil Nadu from the prehistoric to historic sites to achieve the set targets.

Excavations are going to be carried out at the following eight places in 2024 to bring pride to the antiquity, culture, technology and values of the ancient Tamil society. The State Archeology Department excavated at eight places last year and this year also excavations will be done at eight places.

* Keeladi and its nearby archaeological site Konthagai, Sivagangai District – Phase X
* Vembakottai, Virudhunagar District – Phase III
* Kilnamandi, Tiruvannamalai District – Phase II
* Porpanaikottai, Pudukkottai District – Phase II
* Thirumalapuram, Tenkasi District - Phase I
* Chennanur, Krishnagiri District – Phase I
* Kongalnagaram, Tiruppur District – Phase I
* Marungur, Cuddalore District – Phase I

On April 6, 2023 the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated excavation works on behalf of the Archaeology Department. Details of the objects found in that excavation.

Details of Keeladi - Phase IX Excavation

Since 2014, continuous excavations have been going on at the 110-acre archeological mound at Pallichandai Thidal, Keeladi in Thirubuvanam circle, Sivagangai District. In this, survey work was carried out in 14 pits and 804 antiquities, such as gold jewellery, ivory dice, animal figures made of flint with beautiful carvings, takalis made of flint, circular chips, sticks of honour, copper coins, copper needles and iron nails were unearthed. Also, bone and

charcoal samples from different sites have been collected for scientific analysis.

In the first phase, four excavation pits have been excavated with a floor made of clay and lime at a depth of about 35 cm. This layer is found with a thickness of 3 to 6 cm. Further excavation revealed a pile of more than a thousand black-red, red-coated, red-coloured potsherds below the ground floor, at a depth of about two feet. Further excavation will be carried out to bring out the complete cultural wealth through extensive excavations.

Details of Konthagai Phase-IV Excavation

In the fourth phase of excavation carried out at Konthagai, 24 burial urns were found in three levels in two excavation pits of size 10 x 10 m and size 4 x 4 m. Over 110 black-and-red ware and red slipped ware grave-goods were unearthed from within the burial urns alongside human skeletal remains. The artefacts include carnelian beads, iron knives, chisels, rings, etc. For the first time ever, a ring made of ivory has been found from an urn burial.

Details of Vembakottai Phase II Excavation

Excavation started at Vembakottai, in Virudhunagar District 2021-2022. This archeological mound is known as Mettukkadu or Uchimedu by the local people. Excavations carried out at the Vembakkottai settlement mound revealed a series of prehistoric to medieval remains. A total of 34 pits have been excavated in the two phases of excavation carried out here. More than 7,800 artifacts have also been found.

Mesolithic tools, glass beads, flint earrings, figurines, talismans, beads, bangles, rings, circular crystals, scraps of iron ore and many other items have been found. Also incomplete conch rings are found in abundance in this archaeological mound. Also, more than 100 iron objects and more than 40 copper objects have been found. The next phase of excavation work will be carried out to find many historical evidences at this place

Details of Excavation work carried out in Kilnamandi

Kilnamandi village is located in Vandavasi circle in Tiruvannamalai district. Spread over an area of about 55 acres, the site has more

Konthagai

Vembakottai

than 200 megalithic stone circles. Remains of an ark can be found inside some damaged stone circles.

Excavations carried out last year included burial areas and habitations. 12 excavation pits were dug in the burial area and 10 excavation pits in the habitat area. A total of 21 urns were found in the burial site out of which only 6 urns are complete and others are found in broken condition.

More than 30 scratch-marked potsherds and 43 artefacts have been found in the burial site. Forty-five inscribed sherds and 46 artefacts were found in the habitat area. About 500 metres from the burial site, more than 30 stone axe grinding pits are found on a small hill.

Now, the cultural transition from the Neolithic to the Iron Age is crucial to know the various cultural chronologies of the site. The aim of the excavation is to understand the iron smelting technology, assess the cultural practices of the Iron Age people and basically to identify the Paleolithic sites in their proper archaeological context.

Details of Excavation work carried out at Porpanaikottai

Porpanaikottai is located between Manimangalam and Alangudi in Pudukkottai district. The site is known as a Sangam Archeological site due to the size of the brick, memorial stone, black-red pottery, symbolic symbols, pottery inscribed in Brahmi.

Excavations carried out last year revealed a circular brick structure at a depth of about 38 cm. It consists of three tiers starting from the north-west and extending to the south-east. Its diameter is 230 cm. Following this, a 57 cm deep drain was found in the north-eastern part. Its length is 255 cm. This excavation had yielded 533 antiquities such as hop-scotches, spouts, glass bangles, terracotta lamps, spindle whorls, coins, carnelian beads, rubbing stones, bone tool points and a gold nose stud with six petals. The other important findings of the excavation were graffiti and Tamili (Tamil-Brahmi) inscribed potsherds and circular brick structures. Based on this, the availability of large quantities of iron slag, flint pipes and furnaces indicate that iron industry was in full swing during the prehistoric and medieval periods. The aim of the excavation is to trace the roots of the Iron Age culture.

First Phase Excavation Work Begins at Thirumalapuram

Archaeological remains were unearthed at a depth of about four feet while taking soil for

the construction of a road near Kulasekaraperi Kanmai in Thirumalapuram Village, Vasudevanallur, Sivagiri Taluk, Tenkasi District.

The archaeological site is spread over an area of about 25 acres. In this area there are cists and burial urn type of monuments. White decorated bowls and lids, glazed red pottery, burial urns, iron bowl, iron implements (spear, sword, short sword, bow knife) are important artefacts from this region.

According to the above details, to understand the nature of the site, to identify the boundary of the Paleolithic burial ground at the site, to identify the Iron Age settlement area, excavation is planned with the main objectives of discovering the nature of the habitat area, unearthing more evidence about the Paleolithic burial site, learning about the ritual of the Iron Age people, knowing more about the life, art, culture, pottery, settlement system of the region, and finding out the connection between the Iron Age and early historical periods.

First Phase Excavation Begins at Chennanur

Chennanur is a historical village located in Uthangarai Taluk of Krishnagiri District. There is an archaeological mound in an area of about 50 acres at the western foot of the hill called Chennanur Kuttai. This archaeological mound supports archaeological remains up to about 2.5 m. It yielded mostly fine and coarse black-and-red ware, black ware, red slipped ware and red ware. The highest point of the mound can be traced from the north-west part of the hill range. The deposit at this point might be a 2.5 m thick cultural deposit. The site yielded antiquities like terracotta hopscotches, spindle whorls and votive lamps. Three rock shelters were noticed with paintings in white ochre. Apart from these, many Sangam bricks of farming have been found in the area and rock paintings have been found in three caves on the hill near the archaeological mound. These are painted in white.

Based on the available evidence, the culture of Neolithic and Mesolithic people can be known if excavation is carried out in Chennanur. Also, it can be known from which period humans have been continuously living in this region. The history of Krishnagiri district can be fully known through the excavations carried out at Chennanur.

First Phase Excavation Work Begins in Kongalnagaram

Kongalnagaram village is located in Udumalpet Taluk, Tiruppur District. The archaeological mound is situated on 20 acres of land, one km from the present Kongalnagaram village. Also, Paleolithic monuments such as ‘Kalvattam’ and ‘Karthittai’ are located in and around the village of Kongalnagaram. The area contains various Iron Age sites, rock paintings, numerous Iron Age and Early Mesolithic monuments.

The habitat archaeological mound here covers an area of 20 acres and rises more than 2 metres above the present ground level. In the burial area, there are gravestones, dolmen, stones stacked to a point and burial urns. At the edge of a dolmen, there is also a menhir. The explorations also yielded graffiti and Tamili (Tamil Brahmi) inscribed potsherds besides a large number of russet- coated ware and black-and-red ware reflecting its cultural potentiality. Other important artefacts recovered from the site include earrings and Chera coin.

Extensive industrialization and urbanization demand its immediate attention. It is the most probable site from whose symbols we can trace the origin of Tamili in the region, and study its soil layers and chronology.

First phase of excavation work started at Marungur

Marungur is a small village located 32 km west of Cuddalore. On the northern side of the road from Marungur village to Keezhakollai, on the eastern side of the pond, there is an archaeological mound covering an area of about 4 acres.

Light-grey Rouletted ware, and black and red pottery were collected in the centre of the mound. On the western side of the mound, there is a brick construction area. Bricks measuring 7 x 21 x 42 cm have been used for this construction. A lot of black and red pottery are found on the banks of the pond near the area where the brick construction is exposed.

The purpose of this research project is to reveal archaeological sites, settlement plans, and archaeological features, as also locating the centre of the Iron Age culture

and analyzing the evidence related to the early historic period of the region.

Publication of Perumbalai Excavation Report and Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Volume – XXVIII

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released two books, Perumbalai Excavation Report containing the report of the excavation carried out by the

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Department of Archaeology in the year 2022-2023 at the sites of Perumbalai, Dharmapuri District and 'Tamil Nadu Inscriptions Volume – XXVIII' containing explanatory texts of 138 inscriptions in Chengalpattu District.

Congratulations to Padma Shri Awardee Selvi. Joshna Chinnappa

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Chief Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, congratulated squash athlete Selvi. Joshna Chinappa, Deputy Director of Sports of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation on conferment of Padma Shri for the year 2024, at the Secretariat on 18.06.2024.

Hon’ble Chief Minister hands over Rs.75 lakh to Thiru. T. Mariyappan

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, congratulates 2024 Para Athletics World Championship gold medallist, **Thiru. T. Mariyappan** and handed over the higher incentive of Rs.75 lakh, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu - 11.06.2024.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, congratulated Thiru.T.Mariyappan, who won gold medal in the high jump event in 2024 World Para Athletics Championship, held in Japan from May 17 to 25, by giving him a cheque of Rs.75 lakh as high incentive.

In order to make Tamil Nadu the best State in India in the field of sports, the State Government has been taking various proactive measures such as providing appropriate training to sportsmen, high incentives to them, and establishing infrastructure facilities for sports so that sportsmen and women from Tamil Nadu can participate and win in various sports competitions held at the all-India level and internationally. Moreover, various projects are being implemented such as creating state-of-the-art sports infrastructure facilities by receiving donations from corporates and individual donors and creating the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, providing the necessary infrastructure facilities to host International Sports Competitions in Tamil Nadu.

Paralympic high jump gold medallist Thiru. T. Mariyappan to be given high incentive

The Hon’ble Chief Minister, on 11.06.2024, congratulated the Tamil Nadu athlete Thiru. T. Mariyappan, who won the gold medal in the 2024 World Para Athletics Championship held in Kobe, Japan. It is to be noted that earlier, Thiru. T. Mariyappan had received a cheque of Rs. 30 lakh for winning a bronze medal at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, a cheque of Rs. 2 crore for winning a silver medal at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, a cheque of Rs.30 lakh for winning a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Para Games in China, and a cheque of Rs.5 lakh for winning a gold medal in the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation competition held in Thailand. He has now been given Rs.75 lakh as high incentive.

Hon'ble Youth Welfare and Sports Minister launches POCSO portal, apps for welfare of girl children, women

The Hon'ble Chief Minister is always concerned about the welfare of children, especially girl children, in the State and has been implementing various pioneering projects to enable children grow up safely, gain energy and become self-sufficient. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that children must be protected from sexual crimes and all necessary assistance to the affected children should be provided immediately.

Following this, the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at a review meeting on the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, suggested that a separate website should be created for POCSO.

The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin** launched POCSO Portal and Mobile Apps for the welfare of children and women – 18.06.2024

The Hon'ble Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at his Chennai Camp

Office, on 18.06.2024 launched the exclusive website for POCSO - https://www.pocsoportal.tn.gov.in. Separate apps for Individual Care Plan and Inspection and Monitoring of Child Care Homes were also launched. A mobile application for the membership of widows and destitute Women Welfare Board was also launched on the occasion.

POCSO Portal

Through the POCSO Portal, the police, POCSO Court / Women's Court and Child Welfare and Special Services Departments can instantly register the details of the child sex-offence cases. Senior officers of the Department can keep an eye on the cases from the stage of registration till the final judgement in court, and can monitor the progress of the cases and even speeden them.

Also, the compensation amount for the affected children will be paid directly to the bank account of the victims through the website without any delay and without contacting anyone. This website will be useful for payment and monitoring of expeditious settlement of cases by the senior officers of the Department. This website has been designed in such a manner that no one knows the details of the child.

Individual Care Plan app

As per the existing practice, through Individual Care Plan for Children in Children's Homes in Tamil Nadu, all important details related to the children from the time of admission to children's homes, their physical and mental health, educational progress etc., are maintained in individual files. Apart from this, techniques are used for real-time monitoring. This process is useful for continuous monitoring of all the children.

Inspection and Monitoring app

Inspection of all homes in Tamil Nadu is essential to ensure child welfare. The Inspection and Monitoring application is designed to get all the data including the inspection time, place and company details of the inspection officers to ensure that it is being implemented properly. This app is designed with a Geographical tagging facility.

The poor, widows, destitute women and widows living in villages and urban areas of Tamil Nadu can register their details at the nearest e-service centres on the website widows and destitute women welfare board member enrollement mobile www.tnwidowwelfareboard.tn.gov.in to get the assistance they need from the Government by becoming a member of the Board. Through this web application, the Government of Tamil Nadu will take steps to receive the assistance they need such as schemes of the Social Welfare Department, pension, temporary accommodation, skill development training and subsidy for self-employment.

Short Story

White Sunlight

- M.Kamuthurai

"Maa. . ."

With one eye on the street and the other on the house, Ashokan stood at the door of his house holding his slipped trousers and spoke in an endearing tone.

Piercing through the morning mist, bright sunlight had begun to seep in. The water that Amma had sprinkled at the entrance had dried, and her nine-dot 'kolam' of the crescent moon looked attractive like a painting on a blackboard. Particles of white stone in the 'kolam' flour glittered in the sunlight.

"What? Have you finished brushing your teeth?" Devi asked her son while she was cooking rice on the iron stove.

In the case of firewood, the fire would burn steadily. But this god-forsaken coconut shell burns in a trice and turns into ashes. The free LPG cylinder and stove stood at a corner. The price of a new cylinder had gone up to more than a thousand. The cylinder should be installed after raising a new loan. Until then, coconut husks and dry thorn plants given by Barakkat aunty keep the hearth burning.

Ashokan had a plastic mug of water in his hand to rinse his mouth.

It was only after he had rinsed his mouth and spat out a mouthful of water that he saw a kitten sitting cross-legged under a Vaadham tree at the opposite end of the lane. It sat like an old woman, ears erect, eyes open like an owl's, tail flicking this way and that. The kitten that stared

at Ashokan was the size of mother's hand. It was gray in colour. There was a longing on its face and its limbs were emaciated through lack of nourishment.

"The kitten is still standing there, Mother!"

"Cats generally quickly run away when they hear the sound of approaching humans. But this one is standing and staring as if frozen''.

"Not one, there are four little ones. If you want to, take it along when you go to work'', Devi said nonchalantly, while looking for a vessel to drain the kanji from the cooked rice.

'Where's the vadikundaan, Angaayi' ---

She loudly called out to her elder daughter Angaleswari, who was sitting in the backyard and washing her skirt (pavadai) and half-saree (dhavani) with soap in the wide-mouthed vessel (kundaan).

"Mother, please wait for a minute. Let me complete cleaning the clothes. Saying so, she filled the vessel with water and rinsed the clothes, squeezed out the water and shook them with force. When hung to dry in a spot with strong sunlight, the half-saree would dry when she came after taking her food. She could wear the old pavadai. A clean half-saree would be sufficient. She gave her mother the vessel she had been using, hung the pavadai in a clothes line in the backyard, and with the half-saree in hand walked towards the front door and the Vaadham tree. The tree was bathed in sunlight, and as she flung her cloth on a branch she was distraught when she saw a kitten walking between her feet on the ground.

"Mother'', she screamed in panic. Younger brother Sethu, a first standard student, laughed at her fearful cry.

"What's up," asked Devi.

Sethu said that sister had stepped on the kitten. He could not restrain his laughter.

"Goodness gracious! It is a sin to kill a cat. I hope it is not dead''. So saying the mother drained the kanji from the cooked rice.

"My god, is the kitten dead," Ashokan asked, coming out while he was in the middle of wiping his face.

"You buffalo, are you rearing this kitten? Drive it away. It is jumping at my feet,'' she said, as she was yet to recover from the shock of stepping on it. Removing the half-saree that she had hung from the branches of the tree, she walked into the house.

The tempo that took her to work at the bottling company stopped in front of the Keerakal Market at quarter to eight in the morning. If she did not go early, she would not get a seat. After completing eighth grade at Muthiah School, Mangai was taken by aunt Nageshwari to work in a bottling company during the vacation after the annual examination.

Sacks of old bottles would be brought from scrap stores. The glass bottles would be washed with soap water, cleaned with a brush and sorted by grade throughout the day. The smell of water would be nauseating, but there was no way but to endure it. The bad smell would kill the appetite. On the day of joining school after vacation, a big fight broke out between father and mother. After father hit mother on the head. While father tried to hit mother on the head, mother, who was bleeding from the forehead picked up the kitchen cutting instrument and threatened him. Father ran away that day and did not return. Word was that he was living in Tiruppur.

While the rice water was draining into the vessel, Devi took money and left to purchase tomatoes for making rasam. Seeing the children's laughter at the door, she was shouted.

"Nobody bothers about going to work. Instead you are all playing even in the morning,'' Devi said, in a tone of chastisement.

“Mummy, see the kitten. Please give it something to eat”.

The kitten was lying on its back in the sun.

“As the young ones in the house don’t have anything to eat, the women in the family have to go out and work for pots of gruel. Don’t you see this..”

When Ashokan asked Sethu whether the kitten was alive, Sethu took a stone from the trouser pocket and threw it at the kitten. Immediately the kitten shook its head and started running.

“You idiot,” shouted Ashokan, and slapped him on the nape of this neck, upon which Sethu started to scream like the siren in the municipality.

“You stupid fellow…you always carry stones in your pocket and throw them at dogs and hens. One day, the dog in the house in the east is definitely going to bite your leg. Only then you will realize your folly,” Ashokan said.

Sethu declared, “When the dog comes to bite me I will run away from the place, won’t I mother,” tapping the thigh of his mother who was eating. A few grains of the cooked rice fell on Devi’s saree.

Picking up the grains of rice and putting them into her mouth, Devi said, “While eating, one must not waste the annam (rice). It is wrong to waste food”.

“Mother, you must admonish Ashokan and keep him in check. At every turn, he lands blows violently”, Angayi brought up the incident of the stinging blow that Sethu had received earlier.

Rubbing the nape of his neck, Sethu said that it was really painful.

“ But the kitten could have died by the stone you threw at it. Would you be able to bring it back to life”. Ashokan spoke angrily, remembering his younger brother’s callous behavior.

“But you should not hit him in a sensitive place. If something goes wrong, no amount of tears will reverse the situation. While punishing someone, one should not be violent. Why did anger overtake you? Are you trying to follow in your father’s footsteps? This is not right, my son. I will break your bones”.

“Okay, mother, I am leaving for work”. Wearing the half saree that had dried, picked up the vessel containing her tiffin and a small towel and stepped out.

“O mother, your son has made the entrance stink, by pouring the rice gruel for the cat”, Angayi said, staring at the drain.

“Are you mad ? Is it a cow or goat or a calf to drink gruel”, said Devi, slapping her fingers on her forehead as a gesture bemoaning his stupidity.

With the question, “Will it eat rice”, Ashok peered outside. A thick film had formed on the gruel that he had poured into the coconut shell.

The kitten was sitting majestically under the Vaadham tree, its neck raised and its ears turned to the sides like a tiger cub.

“As it is a kitten it will only drink milk. When it grows up it will eat fish, chicken and dried fish. It will even eat cooked rice. But don’t take pity and feed it for a day. It will come every day for an easy feed. It’s time to start”.

The engineer Venugopal had called Ashokan for work . He would pay depending on the quality of work. He had stopped studying with the fourth standard as he had found English difficult. If left to idle his time at home, he would be spoilt to the core.

Devi gave Sethu a vessel with a handle and ten rupees and asked him to get coffee. She needed two mouthfuls of hot coffee down her throat before leaving for work in the morning.

When Devi was sharing the coffee with her youngest son, Ashokan held out a tumbler.

“You don’t like coffee.. why do need a share?”

Ashokan said it was for the kitten.

"Goodness gracious! I bought a glass of coffee as 'parcel' coffee costs more. We don't have the wherewithal to do charity, my son". Saying so, Devi gave some coffee to Sethu and quickly took the coffee herself.

"It is really pitiful to see the kitten. It will die of hunger maa".

Mother then said: "God knows what is right and what is wrong. I too have given birth to four kids. There is no one to show me pity. The one who plants the tree will water it. You have time yet to face life's travails. Now, get going".

Devi told Sethu to close the door when going to school and to fetch mid-day meal and eat it. She also gave him money and left.

"Hey.. if you do anything to the cat, I will strangle you". Ashokan warned Sethu and joined his mother.

After applying oil and looking in the mirror, Sethu combed his hair and came out with a shoulder bag. Sethu's eyes caught sight of the kitten sitting majestically under the tree. He came near the kitten, dumped the gruel in the coconut shell into the drain. He poured the coffee from the tumbler into the shell.

The white canopy changed colour and blossomed.

July 15 - Birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar

A tall leader who stood for high values

Not only is this Manimandapam named after Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, but after his death I was the first to pay my respects to him and offer my tears at his feet. We stood at the Guindy Raj Bhavan in the pouring rain and cleared all the bushes to make preliminary arrangements for his burial the next day.

A mandapam has been erected in memory of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar at that place. No one can forget the culture of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar. Beyond politics, his culture in public life, friendliness, and unassuming manner cannot be forgotten by anybody. Those who are familiar with him know all this well and those watching from afar do not know.

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar was a firm, resolute, self-sacrificing leader. He had spent many years of his life in prison. He dedicated himself to the freedom of India. He was not engaged in these tasks expecting to become the Chief Minister. Perunthalaivar Kamarajar was the epitome of tolerance.

– From the speech delivered by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar on 27.06.1999 at Kanniyakumari at the ceremony for laying the foundation stone for Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam.

Traditional pottery workers express gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister for welfare assistance

"They alone live who live by tilling the land; Others just bow to them and eat what they give" (Kural 1033)

(Uzhudhundu Vaazhvaare Vaazhvaar Matrellaam Thozhudhundu Pinsel pavar)

Following the golden words of Saint Thiruvalluvar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, with the aim that the standard of living of workers should be improved, is implementing schemes for the welfare of artisans. In this way, numerous pioneering projects are being implemented for pottery workers, under the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board. Accordingly, the pottery workers in Pudukkottai District are enjoying the benefits of various Government welfare schemes, including

free electric pottery wheels and maintenance allowance during the rainy season.

District Collector on Government welfare assistance given to pottery workers in Pudukkottai District

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been implementing numerous schemes for the welfare of pottery workers. The main objective of village industries is to bring out the traditional skills of the artisans living in the villages by using their skills, create profitable employment for them and improve their standard of living.

In this way, village industries greatly help in improving the self-reliance of the artisans living in the rural areas, bettering their socio-economic status and developing their self-confidence.

The pottery industry is one of the ancient industries of Tamil Nadu. It helps in uplifting the livelihood and economic status of potters living in rural areas. To alleviate the hardships of the workers involved in this industry during the rainy season, Rs.5,000 per annum is being given to the families of pottery workers as monsoon maintenance. In this manner, 358 families in Pudukkottai District have been given Rs.17.90 lakh at the rate of Rs.5,000 each under the rainy season maintenance grant scheme.

Also, on behalf of Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, 19 pottery workers were given free electric pottery wheels, each costing Rs.21,420 at a total cost of Rs.4.07 lakh, on 12.02.2024. The pottery workers who receive such welfare assistance are using it properly to improve their socio-economic status.

All the pottery workers who received the welfare assistance provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu, have expressed their sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, said the District Collector, Tmt. I.S. Mercy Ramya, I.A.S.,

Tmt. Velammal

Tmt. Velammal, a beneficiary from the Kosalakudi area of Pudukkottai Municipality shared her experience:

My name is Velammal. We have been potters for generations. In these modern times, such traditional crafts have taken a hit. With the objective of encouraging such traditional crafts, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been

providing people with traditional skills like us, various kinds of help through welfare schemes.

During the rainy season, our business is a bit difficult. Considering this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given us Rs.5,000 as a rainy season assistance to help us. It was very difficult for us, especially aged people, to make pottery on the traditional wheel. Moreover we are not able to earn enough income by making small quantities of pottery with wooden wheels. Our family lived in extreme poverty. Due to such reasons, we have abandoned our traditional profession and are taking up alternative work.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister is implementing various welfare schemes for us so that the traditional crafts are continued. We have been provided with cost free electric pottery wheels so that our output increases without any difficulty. Hence we are getting sufficient income. Our children are also interested in doing this business. On my behalf and on behalf of people like us, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for providing such a good opportunity.

Views of another beneficiary, Thiru. Thangavel from Kosalakudi area of Pudukkottai Municipality, who benefited under this scheme

My name is Thangavel. I am doing a

Thiru. Thangavel

pottery business in Kosalakudi. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been implementing many welfare schemes for traditional artisans like us. We used to make pottery by hand with a wooden wheel. Knowing the hardships we face, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has provided electric pottery wheels so that we can carry out our work without any difficulty. It is very useful to us.

Before being provided the electric pottery wheel, we made a lesser number of earthenware. But we are able to make more earthenware with the electric pottery wheels provided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. This has enabled us to increase our earnings and improve our standard of living.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for coming to the aid of potters and increasing our earnings.

- Compiled by
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Pudukkottai District.

Success story

Perambalur District

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Ungalaithedi Ungal Ooril Scheme 'has come to us as a ray of great hope'

Many innovative schemes have been conceived and implemented by the Dravidian Model Government, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin, with the focus on people's welfare.

In this connection 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar', 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam', 'Naan Mudhalvan', 'Innuyir Kaappom Nammai Kaakkum 48', 'Pudhumai Penn', 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme', 'Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai' and 'Chief Minister on field visit', schemes are all focused on the welfare of the people. These schemes are being implemented in such a manner that their benefits reach people in the margins of society. By implementing these schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made Tamil Nadu a premier State in the country.

To ensure that the Government schemes reach the people quickly and easily, the District Collectors, along with their subordinate staff, are doing their work with dedication.

To ensure that all the welfare schemes of the Government reach the last man in society without any hassles, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the 'Ungal Ooril, Ungalai Thedi' scheme on 23.11.2023. It was launched on 31.01.2024.

Under the scheme, the District Collector will organize a meeting every month in one of the divisions in his jurisdiction on the fourth Wednesday. The name and venue of the meeting will be announced in advance by the District Collector for the benefit of the public.

The District Collector, along with his subordinates, will camp at the selected Division for 24 hours on the fourth Wednesday and review the progress of various schemes announced by the Government and the impact of the schemes. Based on the feedback from the officials, the District Collector will take upgraded action. On that occasion, the people may meet the District Collector and represent their grievances. Suitable action will be taken on the petitions by the public.

One such meeting was held in Udumbiam revenue village in Veppanthattai Taluk in Perambalur District from 9 a.m. on 31.01.2024 to 9 a.m. the next day (01.02.2024). Both the District Collector and the Superintendent of Police sat through the meeting on both the days and reviewed the progress of various welfare schemes in the District and directed the officials to expedite the implementation of Government welfare schemes.

In this 24-hour-long meeting, 1,184 petitions were received from people of 39 revenue villages under the Veppanthattai jurisdiction. As a token of providing immediate relief to beneficiaries, the District Collector handed over the benefits of marriage assistance, death assistance and various other welfare measures to the tune of Rs.16.87 lakh to 75 beneficiaries and also patta transfer orders to 19 beneficiaries.

On the occasion, the Sub-Collector handed over tribal welfare certificates to 24 hill kuravars of Malaiyalapatti Revenue Village.

One of the beneficiaries of the 'Ungalai Thedi Ungal Ooril' scheme is Thiru. Thirumurthi, who received an order for Patta Transfer. He had this to say: "My name is Thirumurthi. For the past one year I have been trying to transfer the patta of my house in which I am living in my name. I made various attempts in this direction. But I could not transfer the patta in my name. When the District

Thiru. Thirumurthi

Collector came to our village, I submitted a petition to him on 31.01.2023 requesting him to sanction patta for my house. After making enquiries, within 24 hours the District Collector issued free house-site patta to me.

Under 'the 'Ungalai Thedi Ungal Ooril' scheme, the District Collector stays at a village for 24 hours, receives petitions from the village for 24 hours and distributes welfare schemes pertaining to the demands of the villagers. This gives me great joy. If this continues it will be useful to the public. The demands of the people are considered favourably by the officials and solutions to them are found quickly. For this I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Another beneficiary, Tmt. Bhuvaneswari, a Differently-abled person, narrates her experience:

I live in Udumbiam Panchayat. As I am a beneficiary under the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme, the Collector came to my house and enquired whether I was getting all my medicines regularly every month . I was under the impression that no one would come to my house and enquire about my well-being. But to my surprise, the Collector came to my house which was very consoling to me. He also enquired whether I need any help. I got the confidence that if I submit my grievance to him he would definitely solve the problem.

I told him that I am living in a rented house. I am not employed anywhere and my only source of income is the monthly assistance from the Government. So I requested him to allocate a house to me. The Collector accepted my demand and agreed to allocate me a house under any one of the Government schemes.

The Collector's assurance gave me great confidence. I am absolutely certain that I will

Tmt. Bhuvaneswari,

get my own, new house. The present scheme is highly useful for getting the benefits of Government services easily and quickly. I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for this.

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1. மின்னாள் என்ற சொல்லின் பொருள்

அ. ஒளி தருபவள் ஆ. மின்னலைப் போன்றவள்

இ. தவிர்க்க இயலாதவள் ஈ. ஒளிர மாட்டாள்

2. காரியாசானல 'மாக் காரியாசான்' என்று இவரை சிறப்பிப்பது எது?

அ. பாயிரச் செய்யுள் ஆ. பத்துப்பாட்டு

இ. எட்டுத்தொகை ஈ. குறுந்தொகை

3. யாப்பதிகாரம், தொடையதிகாரம் உள்ளிட்ட 30க்கும் மேற்பட்ட இலக்கண இலக்கிய நூல்களைப் படைத்தவர்

அ. காரியாசான் ஆ. மாங்குடி மருதனார்

இ. புலவர் குழந்தை ஈ. தொல்காப்பியனார்

4. பொருத்துக

மைவனம்	–	1. சந்தனம்
முருகியம்	–	2. மலைநெல்
பூஞ்சினை	–	3. குறிஞ்சிப்பறை
சிறை	–	4. பூக்களை உடைய கிளை
	–	5. இறகு

அ. 2, 3, 4, 5 ஆ. 1, 3, 4, 2

இ. 2, 3, 1, 5 ஈ. 3, 4, 1, 2

5. நாச்சியார் திருமொழி மொத்தம் எத்தனை பாடல்களைக் கொண்டது?

அ. 40 ஆ. 80

இ. 240 ஈ. 143

6. 'காய்மாண்ட தெங்கின், பழம்வீழக் கமுகின் நெற்றிப்
பூமாண்ட தீந்தேன் தொடை கீறி வருக்கை போழ்ந்து
தேமாங்கனி சிதறி வாழைப் பழங்கள் சிந்தும்
ஏமாங்கதம் என்று இசையால்திசை போயது உண்டே' – பாடல் இடம்பெற்ற நூல் எது?

அ. சிலப்பதிகாரம் ஆ. சீவகசிந்தாமணி

இ. மணிமேகலை ஈ. குண்டலகேசி

7. 'இலகு கவிதை' என்று அழைக்கப்படும் கவிதை எது?

அ. வசன கவிதை ஆ. புதுக்கவிதை

இ. மரபுக்கவிதை ஈ. யாப்புக்கவிதை

8. பின்வருவனவற்றுள் லாவோட்சு பற்றிய தவறான கூற்று எது?

அ. லாவோட்சு சீனாவில் கி.மு. இரண்டாம் நூற்றாண்டிற்கு முன்னர் வாழ்ந்தவர்

ஆ. இவர் தாவோவியம் எனும் சிந்தனைப் பிரிவை உருவாக்கினார்

இ. இன்றைய வாழ்வை மகிழ்ச்சியாக வாழ வேண்டும் என்ற சிந்தனையை இவர் முன்வைத்தார்

ஈ. இவர் கன்பியூசியஸ் சமகாலத்தவர்

9. யசோதர காவியம் எத்தனை சருக்கங்களைக் கொண்டது?

அ. 3 ஆ. 4

இ. 5 ஈ. 6

10. கல்யாண்ஜி – பொருந்தாதது எது?

அ. ஒளியிலே தெரிவது ஆ. உயரப் பறத்தல்

இ. கலைக்க முடியாத ஒப்பனைகள் ஈ. சில இறகுகள் சில பறவைகள்

11. பொளிக்கும் என்னும் சொல்லின் பொருள்

அ. உரிக்கும் ஆ. செழிக்கும்

இ. தவிக்கும் ஈ. நடக்கும்

12. அகில உலகத் தமிழ் ஆய்வு மன்றம் உருவாகவும் உலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி நிறுவனம் அமையவும் காரணமாக இருந்தவர்

அ. தனிநாயகம் அடிகள் ஆ. மு. வரதராசனார்

இ. வீ.மு. சாம்பசிவன் ஈ. அறிஞர் அண்ணா

13. "இத்தகைய உயர்ந்த கொள்கைகளைக் கொண்ட செய்யுட்களை உலக இலக்கியத்திலேயே காண்பது அரிது" – என்று திருக்குறளைப் பற்றிக் கூறியவர்

அ. அரிஸ்டாட்டில் ஆ. பிளேட்டோ

இ. மார்க்ஸ் அரேலியஸ் ஈ. ஆர்பர்ட் சுவைட்சர்

14. இந்தியத் தேசிய ராணுவம் தமிழர் பங்கு என்ற நூலுக்காக தமிழக அரசின் பரிசு பெற்றவர்

அ. பேராசிரியர் மா.சு.அண்ணாமலை ஆ. பக்தவச்சல பாரதி

இ. மு. மேத்தா ஈ. கி.வா. ஜெகந்நாதன்

15. வெண்சீர்கள் என்று அழைக்கப்படுவது

அ. காய்ச்சீர் ஆ. கனிச்சீர்

இ. இயற்சீர் ஈ. ஆசிரிய உரிச்சீர்

16. திறனல்ல தற்பிறர் செய்யினும் நோநொந்து
அறனல்ல செய்யாமை நன்று – இப்பாடலில் பயின்று வரும் தொடை

அ. மோனைத்தொடை ஆ. எதுகைத்தொடை

இ. அளபெடைத்தொடை ஈ. முரண்தொடை

17. "பாரி பாரி என்று பல ஏத்தி
ஒருவற் புகழ்வர், செந்நாப் புலவர்
பாரி ஒருவனும் அல்லன்;
மாரியும் உண்டு, ஈண்டு உலகுபுரப் பதுவே" – இப்பாடலில் பயின்று வரும் அணி

அ. சொற் பின்வரு நிலையணி

ஆ. சொற்பொருட் பின்வரு நிலையணி

இ. பொருட் பின்வரு நிலையணி

ஈ. வஞ்சகப் புகழ்ச்சி அணி

18. 'ஹைக்கூ', 'சென்ரியு', 'வலிமரைக்கூ' எனப் புதுப்புது வடிவங்களில் கவிதை நூல்களைத் தந்துள்ளவர்

அ. ஈரோடு தமிழன்பன்
ஆ. பாரதியார்
இ. கோமல் ஸ்வாமிநாதன்
ஈ. பாரதிதாசன்

19. தமிழ்விடு தூது எத்தனை கண்ணிகளைக் கொண்டுள்ளது?

அ. 163
ஆ. 268
இ. 263
ஈ. 168

20. சோம்பல், தாழ்மை போன்றவற்றைக் குறிக்கும் குணம் எது?

அ. சத்துவம்
ஆ. இராசசம்
இ. தாமசம்
ஈ. செறிவு

21. சிந்தாமணி இலக்கணக் குறிப்பு

அ. உருவகம்
ஆ. ஈறுகெட்ட எதிர்மறை பெயரெச்சம்
இ. நான்காம் வேற்றுமைத் தொகை
ஈ. உவமேயம்

22. பாரதியாரின் வழித்தோன்றலாகவும் பாரதிதாசனின் மாணவராகவும் இவர் விளங்கினார்

அ. திரு. வி.க
ஆ. கவிஞர் தமிழ்ஒளி
இ. கவிமணி
ஈ. கவிஞர் பூங்குன்றன்

23. குமந்தனை – குமை+த்(ந்)+த்+அன்+ஐ என்ற பகுபத உறுப்பிலக்கணத்தில் இறந்தகால இடைநிலை எது?

அ. குமை
ஆ. த்(ந்)
இ. த்
ஈ. அன்

24. "மண்டுபுனல் பரந்தவயல் வளர்முதலின் சுருள்விரியக்
கண்டுழவர் பதங்காட்ட களைகளையுங் கடைசியர்கள்
தண்டளரஞ் சொரிபணிலம் இடறியிடை தளர்ந்தசைவார்
வண்டலையும் குழல்அலைய மடநடையின் வரம்பணைவார்"
– பாடலில் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது

அ. கம்பு
ஆ. சோளம்
இ. நெல்
ஈ. கரும்பு

25. கீழ்க்கண்டவற்றுள் உரிச்சொல் தொடர் எது எனக் காண்க.

அ. கருங்குவளை
ஆ. விரிமலர்
இ. செந்நெல்
ஈ. தடவரை

26. புறநானூறு நூலை முதன் முதலில் புதிப்பித்து 1894இல் வெளியிட்டவர்

அ. ஜி.யு. போப்
ஆ. மீனாட்சிசுந்தரனார்
இ. திரு.வி.க.
ஈ. உ.வே.சா

27. விலோதம் என்பது

அ. சிறு சிறு கொடியாகப் பல கொடிகள் கட்டியது
ஆ. கொம்புகளில் கட்டும் கொடி
இ. துணியாலான கொடி
ஈ. அனைத்தும் சரி

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28. "அறிவை மறந்த உணர்ச்சி என்பது திரியை மறந்த தீயாகும் எரியும் தீயை இழந்த திரிதான் உணர்ச்சி தொலைந்த அறிவாகும்" – என்று பாடியவர்

அ. கவிஞர் தமிழ்ஒளி

ஆ. கவிஞர் கல்யாண்ஜி

இ. கவிஞர் வைரமுத்து

ஈ. கவிக்கோ அப்துல் ரகுமான்

29. 1. தேசியத் திறனாய்வுத் தேர்வு (National Talent Search Exam) பத்தாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்படுகிறது

2. தேசியத் திறனாய்வு மற்றும் கல்வி உதவித்தொகை தேர்வு (National Means Cum Merit Scholar ship) எட்டாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்படுகிறது

3. ஊரகத் திறனாய்வுத் தேர்வு (TRUST – Tamilnadu Rural Students Talent Search Exam) பதினொன்றாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்படுகிறது

அ. 1, 2 சரி ஆ. 1, 3 சரி

இ. 2, 3 சரி ஈ. அனைத்துமே சரி

30. முல்லை மற்றும் மருத நிலங்களில் கால்கொண்டு தமிழர்தம் வாழ்வோடு பின்னிப் பிணைந்து பண்பாடாகியுள்ளது எது?

அ. ஆடு வளர்த்தல் ஆ. மாடு வளர்த்தல்

இ. கோழி வளர்த்தல் ஈ. ஏறுதழுவுதல்

31. Which country hosted the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND–2023' ?

[A] India [B] Kazakhstan

[C] Sri Lanka [D] Iran

கூட்டு இராணுவத்தின் 7வது பதிப்பான 'எக்சர்சைஸ் காஜிண்ட் – 2023' எந்த நாடு நடத்தியது?

[A] இந்தியா [B] கஜகஸ்தான்

[C] இலங்கை [D] ஈரான்

32. Which cricketer scored the fastest ODI World Cup hundred in 40 balls?

[A] Virat Kohli [B] Rohit Sharma

[C] Glenn Maxwell [D] David Warner

40 பந்துகளில் ஒருநாள் உலகக் கோப்பையில் அதிவேக சதம் அடித்த கிரிக்கெட் வீரர் யார்?

[A] விராட் கோலி [B] ரோஹித் சர்மா

[C] க்ளென் மேக்ஸ்வெல் [D] டேவிட் வார்னர்

33. What is the name of the National Hackathon focused on the use of 5G technology for police applications?

[A] Vimarsh 2023 [B] Vyukth 2023

[C] Vikalp 2023 [D] Vikas 2023

போலீஸ் பயன்பாடுகளுக்கு 5G தொழில்நுட்பத்தைப் பயன்படுத்துவதில் கவனம் செலுத்தும் தேசிய ஹேக்கத்தானின் பெயர் என்ன?

[A] விமர்ஷ் 2023 [B] வியுக்த் 2023

[C] விகல்ப் 2023 [D] விகாஸ் 2023

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34. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023'?

[A] 101 [B] 111

[C] 121 [D] 131

உலகளாவிய பசிக் குறியீடு (GHI) 2023' இல் இந்தியாவின் தரவரிசை என்ன?

[A] 101 [B] 111

[C] 121 [D] 131

35. What is the theme of 'World Polio Day 2023'?

[A] A healthier future for mothers and children [B] Eradicate poliomyelitis

[C] Polio Free Earth [D] Polio Free Villages

உலக போலியோ தினம் 2023' இன் தீம் என்ன?

[A] தாய்மார்களுக்கும் குழந்தைகளுக்கும் ஆரோக்கியமான எதிர்காலம்

[B] போலியோமைலிடிஸ் நோயை ஒழிக்கவும்

[C] போலியோ இல்லாத பூமி

[D] போலியோ இல்லாத கிராமங்கள்

36. Which city hosted the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in 2023?

[A] New Delhi [B] Dhaka

[C] Jakarta [D] Colombo

2023 இல் G20 பாராளுமன்றப் பேச்சாளர்கள் உச்சி மாநாட்டை (P20) நடத்திய நகரம் எது?

[A] புது டெல்லி [B] டாக்கா

[C] ஜகார்த்தா [D] கொழும்பு

37. 'APAAR' Account Registry, which was seen in the news, is associated with which field?

[A] Capital Market [B] Automobile

[C] Cryptocurrency [D] Academics

செய்திகளில் காணப்பட்ட 'APAAR கணக்குப் பதிவு, எந்தத் துறையுடன் தொடர்புடையது?

[A] மூலதனச் சந்தை [B] ஆட்டோமொபைல்

[C] கிரிப்டோகரன்சி [D] கல்வியாளர்கள்

38. Karthikeyan Murali, who was seen in the news, is located in which sports?

[A] Chess [B] Cricket

[C] Squash [D] Badminton

செய்திகளில் காணப்பட்ட கார்த்திகேயன் முரளி எந்த விளையாட்டில் இடம் பெற்றுள்ளார்?

[A] சதுரங்கம் [B] கிரிக்கெட்

[C] ஸ்குவாஷ் [D] பூப்பந்து

39. The cashew of which state/UT recently got its Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

[A] Kerala [B] Goa

[C] Andhra Pradesh [D] Gujarat

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சமீபத்தில் எந்த மாநிலம்/யூனியன் பிரதேசத்தின் முந்திரி அதன் புவிசார் குறியீடு (ஜிஐ) குறியைப் பெற்றது?

[A] கேரளா [B] கோவா

[C] ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசம் [D] குஜராத்

40. Which institution releases the 'Sugar Price Index'?

[A] NABARD [B] FAO

[C] UNEP [D] FSSAI

எந்த நிறுவனம் 'சர்க்கரை விலைக் குறியீட்டை' வெளியிடுகிறது?

[A] NABARD [B] FAO

[C] UNEP [D] FSSAI

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41. The probability of drawing an ace card from a deck of cards is:

[A] 1/52 [B] 1/26 [C] 4/13 [D] 1/13

ஒரு சீட்டுக்கட்டில் இருந்து ஏஸ் சீட்டு அட்டையை எடுப்பதற்கான நிகழ்தகவு:

[A] 1/52 [B] 1/26 [C] 4/13 [D] 1/13

42. The median of the data: 155, 160, 145, 149, 150, 147, 152, 144, 148 is

[A] 149 [B] 150 [C] 147 [D] 144

கொடுக்கப்பட்ட தரவுகளின் இடைநிலை என்ன: 155,160, 145, 149, 150, 147, 152, 144, 148

[A] 149 [B] 150 [C] 147 [D] 144

43. If the radius of a cylinder is 4cm and height is 10cm, then the total surface area of a cylinder is:

[A] 440 sq.cm. [B] 352 sq.cm. [C] 400 sq.cm. [D] 412 sq.cm.

ஒரு உருளையின் ஆரம் 4cm ஆகவும் உயரம் 10cm ஆகவும் இருந்தால், ஒரு உருளையின் மொத்த பரப்பளவு:

[A] 440 சதுர.செமீ. [B] 352 சதுர.செமீ. [C] 400 சதுர.செமீ. [D] 412 சதுர.செமீ.

44. The sides of a triangle are 122 m, 22 m and 120 m respectively. The area of the triangle is:

[A] 1320 sq.m. [B] 1300 sq.m. [C] 1400 sq.m. [D] 1420 sq.m.

முக்கோணத்தின் பக்கங்கள் முறையே 122 மீ, 22 மீ, 120 மீ. எனில் முக்கோணத்தின் பரப்பளவு:

[A] 1320 சதுர.மீ. [B] 1300 சதுர.மீ. [C] 1400 சதுர.மீ. [D] 1420 சதுர.மீ.

45. If a, b and c are the lengths of three sides of a triangle, then:

[A] $a + b > c$ [B] $a - b > c$ [C] $a + b = c$ [D] $a - b = c$

a, b, c ஆகியவை முக்கோணத்தின் மூன்று பக்கங்களின் நீளம் என்றால்:

[A] $a + b > c$ [B] $a - b > c$ [C] $a + b = c$ [D] $a - b = c$

46. The longest chord of the circle is:

[A] Radius [B] Arc

[C] Diameter [D] Segment

வட்டத்தின் நீளமான நாண்:

[A] ஆரம் [B] பரிதி

[C] விட்டம் [D] பிரிவு

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47. If P and Q are any two points lying on the sides DC and AD respectively of a parallelogram ABCD, then:

[A] ar(APB) > ar(BQC) [B] ar(APB) < ar(BQC)

[C] ar(APB) = ar(BQC) [D] None of the above

P மற்றும் Q என்பது ஒரு இணைகரம் ABCDயின் பக்கங்களில் DC, AD ஆகிய இரண்டு புள்ளிகளாக இருந்தால், பின்:

[A] ar(APB) > ar(BQC) [B] ar(APB) < ar(BQC)

[C] ar(APB) = ar(BQC) [D] மேலே எதுவும் இல்லை

48. Can we write zero in the form of p/q?

[A] Yes [B] No

[C] Cannot be explained [D] None of the above

பூஜ்ஜியத்தை p/q வடிவில் எழுத முடியுமா?

[A] ஆம் [B] இல்லை

[C] விளக்க முடியாது [D] மேலே எதுவும் இல்லை

49. The degree of 4 x 3 – 12 x 2 + 3 x + 9 is

[A] 0 [B] 1

[C] 2 [D] 3

4x 3 – 12 x 2 + 3x + 9 இன் வரிசை

[A] 0 [B] 1

[C] 2 [D] 3

50. 3x + 10 = 0 will have:

[A] Unique solution [B] Two solutions

[C] Infinitely many solutions [D] No solutions

3x + 10 = 0 இன் தீர்வு/தீர்வுகள்:

[A] ஒரே தீர்வு [B] இரண்டு தீர்வுகள்

[C] எண்ணற்ற தீர்வுகள் [D] தீர்வுகள் இல்லை

Answers

1. – ஈ.	2. – அ.	3. – இ.	4. – அ.	5. – ஈ.	6. – ஆ.	7. – ஆ.
8. – ஆ.	9. – இ.	10. – ஈ.	11. – அ.	12. – அ.	13. – ஈ.	14. – அ.
15. – அ.	16. – ஆ.	17. – ஈ.	18. – அ.	19. – ஆ.	20. – இ.	21. – ஆ.
22. – ஆ.	23. – இ.	24. – இ.	25. – ஈ.	26. – ஈ.	27. – இ.	28. – இ.
29. – அ.	30. – ஈ.	31. – [B]	32. – [C]	33. – [A]	34. – [B]	35. – [A]
36. – [A]	37. – [D]	38. – [A]	39. – [B]	40. – [B]	41. – [D]	42. – [A]
43. – [B]	44. – [A]	45. – [A]	46. – [C]	47. – [C]	48. – [A]	49. – [D]
50. – [A]						